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A FRESH GOVERNMENT?

CANTON'S CHINA NEW YEAR PROSPECTS.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Kwangsi Faction and Ironsides May Unite.

AGENTS IN SOUTHERN CAPITAL NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE.

That a new government is likely to be formed in Canton before China New Year is the opinion of observers and those connected with political developments.

Having been found wanting in their ability to keep down the Communists, the Ironsides have lost considerable prestige despite the fact that the Reds were quickly subdued.

However, the principal honours of the struggle with the Communists fall to General Li Fook-lum of the 5th Army who has ever been a "negative factor" in Canton politics, taking the line of least resistance and association himself with the strongest so as to preserve his own interests.

LI FOOK-LUM'S PART.

It is General Li Fook-lum who may be the corner-stone of a new administration, or at least the go-between in a patched-up understanding between contending factions.

Their own strength is not more than 20,000 men all told and the Ironsides realise their own shortcomings.

At present they have men up the West River and along the East River keeping an eye on the Kwangsi troops who belong to the faction overthrown in November by the Ironsides.

Old Friends Shake Hands?

Political agents are known to be negotiating for peace between the Ironsides and the Kwangsis, writes the "China Mail" special correspondent. Firm friends until they squabbled over power, there is no reason why General Chang Fah-kuei of the Ironsides should not shake hands again with General Li Chai-sum and General Wong Shiu-hung of the Kwangsi faction.

The political grandees who had previously sponsored, if not encouraged, the Ironsides are known as the Canton faction of the Nationalist Party, their leader being Mr. Wang Ching-wei. Mr. Wang and his supporters have been snubbed in Shanghai and the Ironsides may soon be left to their own devices.

Significant Dismissal.

Of considerable significance is the mandate issued by the Branch Political Council in Canton—nominally the highest civil authority there—dismissing the three highest officers of the Ironsides and the leading politician. The Ironsides still wield the power in Canton and it cannot be assumed for a moment that shame over the Red coup has caused them to bow their heads. There is something further.

The Ironsides may be in real danger of defeat by the Kwangsi troops who are now regaining strength. But there is a greater likelihood of a coalition being evolved out of the chaos.

Paperside Chief's Part.

General Li Fook-lum, whose army is known as the Papersides, is the central figure. Prestige has come to him for taking the lion's share in restoring order in Canton. It is true that he turned over to the Ironsides when the latter delivered a coup against the Kwangsi faction but he has changed colour so often that he is never taken to task for doing so.

Best informed circles predict that the alliance will certainly include General Li Fook-lum (acting from within Canton), the more moderate elements of the Ironsides (who will make terms for themselves) and the Kwangsi faction (which is trying to come back from without).

AT SWATOW.

Effect of General's Reported Arrival.

With considerable effect on political developments at Canton, General Chen Ming-shu is reported to have arrived at Swatow from Shanghai and Amoy.

This general, formerly served General Li Chai-sum, one of the "big four" of the Kwangsi military faction. Holding equal rank

with General Chang Fah-kuei (commander-in-chief of the Ironsides), he won distinction under Chiang Kai-shek in the war.

The inference at the moment is that he is assisting General Li Chai-sum and the Kwangsi faction against the Ironsides.

Other Possible Campaigns.

From a well-informed source, the "China Mail" political correspondent learns that the main strength of the Kwangsi army on the West River, encamped from Wuchow to a point below, is likely to counter-attack the Ironsides within a fortnight, taking advantage of the division and setback caused by the Communists, and striking simultaneously with the Kwangsi army at Swatow, i.e., one from west and the other from east.

The "Kung Sheng Yat Po" understands that Chiang Kai-shek has ordered his right-hand man, General Ho Ying-ching (who is directing operations against the Northerners) to withdraw all his men to Pukow (opposite Nan-king) for an expedition "against the Canton Communists."

FRATERNISING.

38th Kwangsi Brigade Joins the Papersides.

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Yesterday. Tendencies have been shown by units of the Ironsides and Kwangsi armies to fraternise, leading to a belief that these two factions may become united with a view to sharing the government of Kwangtung as against the Communists.

The 38th brigade of the 13th division—of probably 1,200 bayonets—is reported to have joined the Papersides.

The 13th division belongs to the Kwangsi faction and withdrew from the Kongmoon area on the approach of the Papersides who took over the local administration for the Ironsides of Canton. The presumption is obvious. — Our own correspondent.

COMING TO CHINA.

H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" HOISTS PENNANT.

London, Yesterday.

The cruiser "Cumberland" has hoisted her pennant at Chatham and is proceeding to China early in the new year. She is commanded by Captain A. L. Snagge and cost £1,905,000, has a speed of 31 knots and carries four four-inch and three four-pounder guns as additions to eight eight-inch pieces. — Reuter.

AIR BOAT TOUR.

MACHINES ARRIVE AT BOMBAY.

Bombay, Yesterday.

The four Air Force flying boats bound for the Far East have arrived from Karachi. — Reuter.

HOME PARLIAMENT.

TO BE PROROGUED NEXT THURSDAY.

London, Yesterday.

The Premier announced that Parliament would be prorogued on Thursday next and the session would give on February 7. — British Wireless Service.

"TIGER BALM."

Charge of Copyright Infringement.

DEFENDANT'S UNDERTAKING.

Difficulties Of Getting Back Goods Now On Market.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., in a case in which a Chinese firm of medicine vendors are charged with infringing Messrs. Watson's "Tiger Balm" mark on some preparations marketed by the defendants.

Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Armstrong told the Magistrate that the defendants had undertaken to remove certain advertisements in newspapers relating to the goods complained of and to get back all the goods disposed of by the defendants and turn them over to the Police.

One Advertisement.

A part of the undertaking had been carried out, but Counsel understood that the defendants had not been able to remove one of the advertisements, the paper concerned refusing to remove it as their advertisement had been inserted on the instruction of the owner of the

When Canton Went "Red."

Page nine of this issue of the "China Mail" is devoted to exclusive pictures relating to last week-end's happenings in Canton, when Communists seized the city, putting many citizens to death and looting on a wholesale scale.

goods in Singapore. It was also understood that the defendants could not get back all the goods sold to dealers. In the circumstances, Mr. Armstrong asked for the defendants' conviction.

Mr. Davidson argued that that was a criminal proceeding, and as such the defence was entitled to time to prepare its case, and they asked for a fortnight's time in which to secure evidence from outside the Colony.

Made a Bargain.

Mr. Davidson went on to say that when time was asked for to prepare the defence, his friend made a bargain with the defendants about the removal of the advertisements and the recovery of the goods disposed of. Counsel said that the prosecution had no right to impose conditions of that kind.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the undertaking was made by Mr. Owen of Mr. Davidson's office.

Mr. Davidson replied that the defendants were prepared to go as far as they could to withdraw the advertisements, and had done so in six cases, but in the case of the seventh paper that had not been successful because the advertisement had been ordered by the owner of the goods, and the defendants, of course, could not force the paper concerned to withdraw the advertisement.

His Own Remedy.

With regard to the withdrawal of the goods from the market, Mr. Davidson said that when Mr. Owen gave the undertaking he did not understand that the defendants were expected to go about buying back the goods at retail prices, and at the same time face possible proceedings for damages. It was a most extraordinary state of things to expect this of the defendants, that they should lose their profits in satisfying the prosecution. Mr. Davidson said that his friend had his own remedy for stopping the sale of the goods if he knew there was some of the stuff on the market.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the position of the prosecutors would be prejudiced if the goods were not recovered by the defendants, and Mr. Davidson replied that that was entirely a civil matter and did not concern a criminal proceeding.

Pressed by Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Davidson admitted that this statement amounted to a plea of "not guilty."

The Magistrate then fixed further hearing of the case for December 23.

KONGMOON'S FATE.

Saved By Communist Defeat.

"RED" PLOTTINGS.

Procession Which Was To Instigate Rising.

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Yesterday. Kongmoon might have suffered a fate similar to Canton's, on Tuesday, had it not been for the timely defeat of the Communists in the capital.

Over 5,000 pro-Government troops were withdrawn hurriedly early this week to guard the home fires at Canton and there was every possibility that the Reds here would take advantage of this situation to support their brothers in Canton.

Prior to the coup breaking out in Canton, the pro-Ironsides detachments in the Kongmoon area had made considerable progress in following up the Kwangsi garrison which had given up control without making a stand.

The brigade of the 5th Army under General Li Fook-lum of Canton, known as the Papersides, had reached Yeungkong and Yeungchun without meeting any opposition. The 11th division under Lt. General Hsieh Yu took charge of the Sze Yap districts.

On Sunday — when the Reds broke out in Canton — it was plainly evident that Labour agitators were uneasy. A notorious leader, Lu Tong, had returned here. He had been arrested by a former Mayor of Kongmoon for his share in an attack on a police station during the boycott but he eventually brought about the removal of the Mayor from office.

On Monday, after news had been received of the outbreak at Canton, over a thousand labourers and peasants held a public meeting in a temple at which it was resolved that a procession be held to welcome the new (pro-Ironsides) troops.

Fortunately, the Ironsides authorities forbade any such demonstration as it was subsequently confirmed that the procession would have been merely a disguise for a Red coup.

In spite of the delicate situation here, troops had to be sent to Canton in response to the urgent call for help. About 5,000 men in the command of Lt. General Hsieh Yu made a forced march from Sanwui to Kongmoon, and then down here.

Press Gangs. Press gangs got to work here when the troops arrived. Four shots were fired into the air as the signal and the poor coolies were rounded up for transport work. Before leaving, the military bought up large stocks of rice, vegetables and firewood as they feared that Canton might be in a state of siege when they arrived there.

Late on Monday the reinforcements sailed for Canton and the populace were very uneasy until it became known that three battalions of Lt. General Hsieh Yu's troops had arrived at Kongmoon city.

H.M.'s armed launch "On-slaught" happened to be in port at the time.

On Tuesday news filtered through from Canton that the Communists had been routed. Accordingly, Lu Tong and other Reds fled from Kongmoon, but not before they had instigated a strike of crews of Hong Kong steamboats.

The situation improved but military pickets remained on duty at strategic points. All pedestrians in Sanwui city were searched. — Our own correspondent.

A BORAH BILL.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION.

HUGE CAPITAL.

Washington, Yesterday.

Senator Borah has introduced in the Senate a bill providing for the creation of a federal agricultural corporation with a capital of \$1,000,000,000 and proposes that the board of directors be composed of the Secretary of Agriculture and eight others appointed by President Coolidge, one of whom would be managing director at a salary of \$25,000 annually; the others to receive \$20,000 a year. — Reuter's American Service.

DIFFERENT COLOUR.

China Turning Against The "Reds."

SEQUEL TO COUP.

Russians Getting Short Shift In Canton.

Progress is necessarily slow in the work of rehabilitation now being set in hand in Canton to wipe out the effects of the Communists' reign of terror which lasted two and a half days this week.

Hong Kong and Macao are to co-operate with the people and the Government of Canton in a campaign of mercy.

Although little of the spade-work has been done there has been talk of erecting a memorial to remind Cantonese in years to come — with words the equivalent of "Lest We Forget" — of what the city suffered through contact with Red teachings.

"City of the Dead"

A highly respected old-fashioned scholar has aptly described Canton as "a city of the dead." No description, however graphic, can do full justice to the conditions of horror which must be seen to be appreciated.

On page 9 of this issue are reproductions of photos taken during the crisis.

Official bureaux are beginning to re-function. Shops are re-

CLOUDY—SOME RAIN.

Easterly winds, fresh, cloudy; some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone is central to the north of the Yangtze. Moderately to fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the China Sea.

opening. The Police are doing normal patrols again. Detectives are still scouring suspected quarters in Honam, on the other side of the River, which was immune from the trouble. Martial law is being observed at the forts and barracks.

Seven Russians Killed.

The report in yesterday's "China Mail" that the Canton authorities had taken drastic action against the Soviet Consulate-General has been confirmed.

It was at first thought that the officials would be reluctant to use strong measures. In the heat of the moment, the Government has apparently done what will win long praise from the people.

A conservative report is that seven Russians, found in or near the Consulate, have been killed. The Vice-Consul is believed to be one of these and the Consul-General is stated to be either in custody or to have vanished.

"Red" With Saville Row Suit. The wrath of the populace, or at least of the "white" labour unions, knows no bounds.

Without instructions from the Government, individuals in outlying districts set out to form a cordon. It was this cordon which caused such a large number of fleeing Communists to prefer the risk of a trip to Hong Kong.

One of the Red leaders killed was dressed in a suit which bore the name of a Saville Row tailor. He was in his twenties and is stated to have been a seaman on the run to Europe from China.

Country-Wide Captures.

This man was shot down when pursued out of the north gate and a fairly large number of accomplices also paid the supreme penalty. The leader described himself as a Commissar of the People's Army and Navy.

As far as Sheshung (on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway), which is 40 miles from Canton, military pickets carried out a minute search of people arriving and some Communists were taken here.

At points in the River delta and elsewhere a ceaseless vigil is being kept; and it is thought that the majority of Reds chose Hong Kong or Macao instead of hiding in Canton.

What Figures Tell.

Figures given so far by semi-official sources tell a poignant story:— About 1,000 Communists were captured, of whom 600

BONDS OF EMPIRE.

British Delegation For Canada.

CHANGES SINCE 1914.

Mr. MacDonald On a Wonderful Constitutional Evolution.

London, Yesterday. Presiding at the annual meeting of the British branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association the Premier expressed cordial appreciation of the invitation issued by the Canadian branch to send a British delegation to visit Canada in September 1928. He hoped all parties in the House would see that the delegation would be really representative of the different parties and in every way a first class delegation. He had found during his visit to Canada that there was a great deal of work that British representatives could do there in explaining British problems.

One of the most important parts of the work of the delegation would be to make the Canadians understand our difficulties, which were infinitely greater and enormously different from those that existed in a new world, and at the same time they would be able to see for themselves what were the difficulties and problems in Canada.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, said what was felt so much at the moment regarding consideration of the British Empire, more particularly with regard to the self-governing dominions, was the fundamental change since 1914. In the evolution of nationality we were up against new kinds of problems altogether. It was not by mere law or statutes or merely sentimental agreement on some possible formula that we could solve these problems. It was largely a tradition of what we were and had been and our spiritual view that was to be a final bond that would bind the Empire together.

The very word "Empire" had got a new meaning within our own lifetime. It was one of the most wonderful constitutional evolutions that had taken place, and it demanded parliamentary and personal contact between all its parts. — British Wireless Service.

Premier's Views.

The House of Commons, contrary to all expectations, rejected the Revised Prayer Book, which now cannot be presented to the King for the Royal Assent.

Although Mr. Baldwin recommended its adoption the Premier pointed out that all must vote in accordance with his own conscience. He dreaded if the measure was rejected that disestablishment should become a big political issue, and did not think the Church could survive the disputes which must inevitably break out again. He was of the opinion rejection would deprive the leaders of the church of their authority and leave chaos more rampant than ever.

Cheering in the House. The cheering aroused by Mr. Baldwin's speech was equalled when Mr. Joynson Hicks opposed the Book; which he said, involved a change of doctrine and attacked hierarchy.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was present in the gallery throughout the eight hours' debate. The result of the vote was greeted with the wildest enthusiasm. — Reuter.

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PREMIUM BONDS.

THEIR USES AS REVENUE RAISERS.

London, Yesterday. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, asked to consider the advisability of issuing premium bonds "as a means of raising revenue, said no proposal could escape examination, but it did not follow that any such proposal would survive. — British Wireless Service.

Women as Searchers. The searchers, who wear white bands, consist of men and women and suspected characters are subjected to the closest inspection. Every box and article of clothing is searched and those on whom are found articles of jewellery and other obviously looted stuff are marched away handcuffed.

Three such characters, obvious participants in the recent looting, on whom such property was found as they were endeavouring to board the s.s. "Charles Hardouin" were taken prisoners by the Mechanics' Union searchers on the wharf.

Raid on Consulate. The reports of the raid on the Soviet Consulate in Canton and of the arrest and shooting of certain of the Consulate officials appear to be well founded, according to the information of masters of incoming steamers from Canton who state that the shooting is vouched for by Customs officials.

One of the Soviet Consuls is among the killed; it is stated, and six others are stated to have been captured. — Reuter.

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AGAINST REVISION.

Prayer Book Measure Defeated.

VOTING IN COMMONS.

Home Secretary Points Out Main Objection To Reforms.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons by 247 votes to 205 defeated the Prayer Book Measure. — Reuter.

The Debate. In the House of Commons today Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, moved that the revised Prayer Book measure, which was yesterday adopted by the House of Lords, be presented to the King for Royal Assent.

He said he was very conscious he had no claim whatever to speak as a theologian or as an authority on doctrine or liturgy. He thought he had been entrusted with this task because he did not belong to any church assembly and had never been a member of a house of laymen and merely represented a simple specimen of the ordinary churchman who was deeply attached to his church. He held that it was not only wisdom but to the benefit of the church that the measure should be passed.

Fit For 1662.

He described the revised book as the result of years of careful research and investigation. The Church to-day was working under conditions which were fitted for 1662 and therefore obviously they were unfitted in many respects for the present time. The revised book was the result of many concessions to different sections to try and arrive at the largest amount of common ground which was regarded as necessary in the way of improvement. Supporters of the measure were a mass of moderate men and women and their appeal should not fail on deaf ears. The young generation were looking for more life in their church services and less formality. He urged that because Christianity and forms of worship should be in harmony with modern thought and modern requirements.

The Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson Hicks moving the rejection, expressed the approval of 95 per cent. of the new book and said one would like to see many of the changes proposed, but the real trouble was in regard to the service of Holy Communion and the proposed reservation of the sacrament. They were asked to go back to medieval times. — British Wireless Service.

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LOCAL DEBATE.

POSSIBILITY OF WORLD PEACE.

Y.M.C.A. MOTION CARRIED.

At the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening, the motion "That World Peace is Possible" was carried. The motion was led by Mr. A. C. Roddam, seconded by Mr. R. W. Sapsed and the opposition was led by Mr. T. V. Harmon, seconded by Mr. S. O. Gregory.

The leader of the motion stressed the gradual advancement in civilization and the sublimation of many instincts to higher purposes. As we had risen above the animal kingdom, the days of wholesale executions, the days of duelling, so was there a marked progress in the direction of international peace.

Mr. T. V. Harmon disagreed that human nature was changing. Its instincts remained largely the same. The spirit of nationalism was still as keen as ever, trade expansion promoted commercial rivalry, the increasing vested financial interests and the complexity of an overpopulated country, all these led eventually to disputes for the solution of which there was as yet no effective machinery nor could there be until human nature had vitally changed from its present tendencies.

After the seconds' speeches and contributions from the body of the Hall, the motion was put and carried.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy presided over the debate.

ANNUAL FETE.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul announces that the auction sale in Kowloon realised \$438.75. The Bazaar Committee feel very grateful to Mr. Lionel Lammert, Messrs. Lammert Bros., for their goodness in undertaking the sale gratuitously and to Messrs. J. M. da Graça, and B. Young, for all arrangements in connection therewith.

Further Donations.
H.E. the Governor \$ 20.00
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Results Of Raffles Not Yet Reported.

Guessing competitions (Second Trial)—Turkey, number chosen, 21. Five competitors, won by Miss O. Xavier (No. 21). Sucking Pig, number chosen, 26. Two competitors, won by Mr. R. Noronha No. 31 (nearest).

Christmas Hampers.
Ticket No. 212, 1st, Backhouse; No. 170, 2nd, Arthur Luz; No. 221, 3rd, A. V. Barros; No. 196, 4th, Doris Lee; No. 157, 5th, H. Rohn; No. 3, 6th, A. W. Ramsay; No. 167, 7th, G. Danenberg; No. 28, 8th, L. Swendsen; No. 252, 9th, Young, H.M. Naval Yard; No. 223, 10th, G. C. Remedios; No. 66, 11th, J. W. Morris; No. 106, 12th, Blundell.

Raffles Of Doggies.
1st, Mrs. A. F. J. Soares; 2nd, C. M. Vieira; 3rd, Carmen S. Alves; 4th, L. D. Turner; 5th, Fendeng Graca.

Raffles Of Dressed Dolls.
1st, "Dorothy," won by Mrs. E. F. Xavier; 2nd, "Ena," won by Simon Tse Yan; 3rd, "Betty," won by Betty Alves.

The gross proceeds of Rose Day and Al Fresco Fete are expected to amount to \$22,000, of which \$4,317.20 represents the proceeds of the sale of roses. About 13,000 roses were disposed of.

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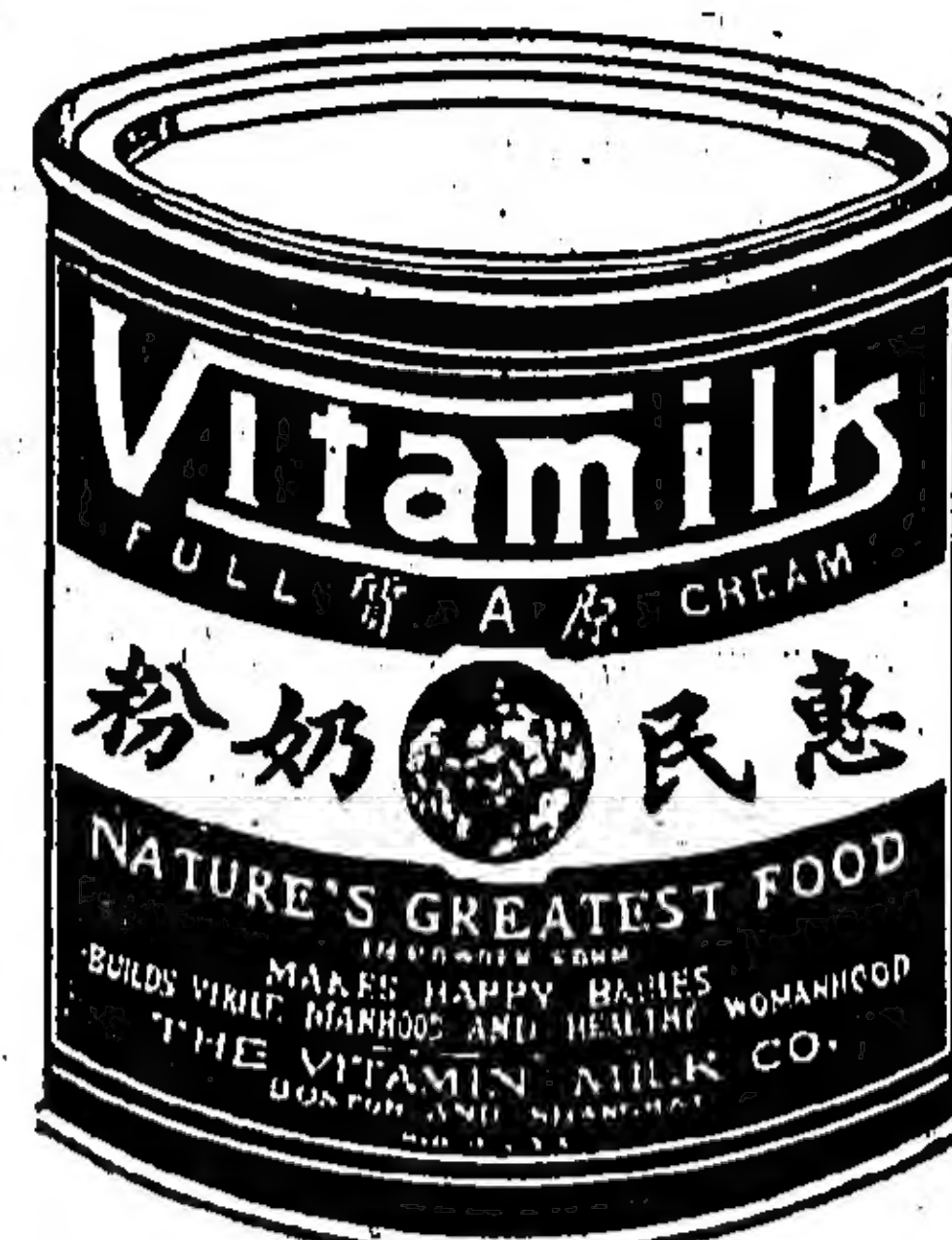
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SATURDAY, 24th December, 1927.—ART SMITH AND GREATER MUSIC.—CHRISTMAS EVE CARNIVAL.

MONDAY, 26th December, 1927.

SPECIAL DINNER DANCE.

SATURDAY, 31st December, 1927.

SPECIAL DINNER DANCE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

MONDAY, 26th December, 1927.

BOXING NIGHT CARNIVAL.

SATURDAY, 31st December, 1927.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL.

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A FATAL SPIN.

INQUEST ON AIR FORCE MEMBER.

DRIVER'S EVIDENCE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. Schofield in his capacity as Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. R. Abraham, A. K. Mason and A. E. Gutierrez, held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Leading Aircraftman French who, as already reported, was killed in a motor cycle accident last Saturday night whilst out for a spin to Kowloon City on a Harley-Davidson motor cycle combination in the company of Mr. D. S. Pethick.

Occupying a seat on the bench with the Coroner was Flying Officer V. Fowler of the R.A.F., whilst Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., watched the proceedings in the interest of Mr. Pethick.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. J. E. Dovey who described the injuries sustained by the deceased, and said that when the autopsy was held at 11.50 on December 11 the body was still fresh. The most serious injury was a deep cut at the back of the head extending down to the bone. There were also bruises around the area, and when the skull was opened, a fissure fracture was found. Death was due to fracture of the base of the skull, internal haemorrhage, shock and concussion.

Scene of Accident.
The Court then adjourned for the Coroner and the jury to view the scene of the accident, and at the resumption, Mr. D. S. Pethick, chief officer of the s.s. "Walshing" who drove the combination concerned in the accident, and Captain J. Morren of the s.s. "Kwong Fuk Cheong" gave evidence. The latter said that he had also ridden a motor cycle on the Saturday night along Prince Edward Road where the accident occurred, and spoke of a pile of earth extending three feet into the road beyond some railings.

There were no precautionary lights and it was fortunate that he

saw the earth bank in time for him to approach it cautiously. The next day he reported the presence of this earth heap to the police.

Badly Hurt.

Mr. Pethick's evidence was that he had intended to dance at Kowloon Docks last Saturday night, when he met the deceased whom witness invited to a ride in his motor cycle. They went along Kowloon City Road and then turned into Prince Edward Road.

Continuing witness said, "On approaching this obstacle I saw the fencing when my light shone on it. I was driving the cycle about a foot to the left of the centre of the road. I halted over to give the fence a clear berth and the next thing I knew the cycle hit the mud. I was thrown off the machine. I don't know what happened after that; the next thing I knew was that the cycle had stopped and I had one leg entangled on top of the machine. I had a damaged shoulder and knee and was scratched across the top of the head."

Questioned by the Coroner witness said that he did not see what happened to deceased. On seeing that there was no passenger in the side car witness looked around and saw the deceased about 25 feet behind. He appeared to be badly hurt and unconscious and was bleeding from the head.

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Passengers who departed by the s.s. "President Jackson" for Manila on December 14 were:—

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"PASSING THE BUCK."
The minute which has been
issued as a Parliamentary White
Paper concerning Crown Leases
in British Concessions in China
and which was published in these
columns on Wednesday but
vaguely sets forth the British
Government's aims and purpose
in regard to these areas. It is,
however, sufficiently capable of
understanding as to occasion any-
thing but feelings of quietude
among Britons living and working
in these Concessions. It seems
fairly obvious, for one thing, that
the Government is about to in-
dulge in that pleasant pastime
aptly described as "passing the
buck." Home official opinion
being that the Government's con-
tinuance of its role as ground
landlords of areas in foreign
countries is anomalous, the
question of the disposal of these
areas has naturally arisen. The
Government, with becoming
frankness, admits that in view
of China's present disturbed con-
dition, the leases cannot be
assigned to others for monetary
consideration of any value, no
guarantee of tenure being possi-
ble, so it appears that the present
holders are to be presented with
them, free of cost except for such
charges as may arise out of the
necessary formalities of assign-
ment. In such manner does the
Government "pass the buck," the
excuse being that the possession
of these leases is "incompatible
with the declared policy of the
British Government in China."
British residents in the Con-
cessions, after the Hankow and
Kaukiang surrenders and the
Nanking rape, have surely grown
heavily sick of hearing about
that "declared policy." Now, it

CARGO "STUCK."
WHY "GORGISTAN" DELAY
OCCURRED.
The steamer passengers on board
the s.s. "Gorgistan" who have been
held up for a week from proceed-
ing to Singapore have not yet
been transhipped and have been
creating more trouble, the officers
being pelted with coal and endea-
vours being made by the mob to
prod them with long poles.
The Police guard on the spot at
the time (yesterday morning) could
do little to quell the disturbance, al-
though the turning on of the hose
had a somewhat sobering effect.
Eventually, however, the tactful
handling of the situation by the
skipper resulted in something like
order being restored before the ar-
rival of Police reinforcements.
The cargo of molasses on board
the "Gorgistan" is stated to have
melted and then solidified, making
the task of getting it from the holds
a most difficult one. It is stated
that the vessel will have to go into
dock and have the cargo steamed
out.

COUNCIL MEETING.
NEW VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE
EXPLAINED.
FINES AND EFFICIENCY.

At the Legislative Council meet-
ing yesterday four new Bills came
up for first reading.
At the outset, the Hon. Mr. E.
R. Hallifax, Acting Colonial Secre-
tary, read a despatch from the
Secretary of State, thanking the
Council on behalf of Their
Majesties for the expression of
sympathy sent on the death of the
Marquis of Cambridge.
In moving the first reading of
the Bill to amend further the
Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, the At-
torney-General, Sir Joseph Kemp,
referred to the decision to form a
number of auxiliary units to be at-
tached to the Corps, consisting of
a Supplementary Reserve Company,
to consist of men who have attain-
ed the age of 50 years; an Army
Service Corps Cadre; a Light Sec-
tion Cadre, and a Reserve of Offi-
cers. The members of these four
auxiliary units will not be re-
quired to undergo any training, but
will be available for service in cases
of emergency when they are called out.
The necessity for giving notice of
intention to quit the Corps, even
after the expiration of the regula-
tion three years' service was also
made clearer in the new Bill and
three exceptions were enumerated
to the regulation, fine in cases of
inefficiency. These were when a
man reached the age of 40 years,
or had been efficient for three years
(whether consecutive or not), or
when good reason could be shown
why a member should leave the
Corps (provided he had shown dili-
gence in undergoing annual train-
ing up to that time).
Another clause of the Bill gave
power to require the attendance of
witnesses and others to Court Mar-
tials or Courts of Inquiry.
Regulations which it was propos-
ed to make when the Bill was pass-
ed were also referred to, these con-
taining provisions relating to the
proposed new auxiliary units.
Volunteers who were declared effi-
cient in three years had to under-
go only a modified training and men
who had served in the regular
Forces or in Volunteer Forces
would not on joining the Corps be
treated as recruits.
The Bill was read a first time.
Printing Presses.
The first reading of a Bill en-
titled an Ordinance to regulate the
printing of newspapers and the
keeping and use of printing presses
was also passed. Power was given
to refuse a licence for keeping a
printing press and to cancel a print-
ing press licence already granted.
The Attorney-General, in moving
it, thought that in these days of ly-
ing and mercenary propaganda by
persons who were attacking our
civilisation and bent on producing
disorder, it was necessary to have
these exceptional powers.
The Bill also omitted the provi-
sion requiring every publisher to
give a bond in the sum of \$1,200
for the purpose of paying any fine
or damages on conviction for libel.
The amount stated, said the At-
torney-General, was insufficient to
cover what might be damages and
costs in any action. So far as
security for payment of fines was
concerned the bond seemed unneces-
sary as if they were not paid a dis-
tress warrant could be issued and
the goods of the newspaper seized.
In the case of any substantial
newspaper, the fine would be forth-
coming without any such bond.
Printing Presses.
The first readings were also pass-
ed of a Bill to amend the Prisons
Ordinance, 1899 and a Bill to amend
the Railways Ordinance, 1909.
The first, said the Attorney-Gen-
eral, made it clear that there was
full power to move prisoners from
one prison to another and from the
prison to hospital and back again;
that there was power to set apart
a ward in the G.C.H. as a prison
for prisoners who could not pro-
perly be treated in a prison hospi-
tal; and also made clear the provi-
sion of the principal Ordinance re-
lating to the introduction and
use in prisons of prohibited articles
such as liquor, opium, tobacco, etc.
The Bill amending the Railway
Ordinance defined the powers of the
Manager and the Governor-in-Coun-
cil to make regulations. It also
provided for an increase in penalties
for various offences such as at-
tempts to defraud.
Bills Passed.
The following Bills passed all
their remaining stages and became
law:
An Ordinance to amend the
Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.
An Ordinance to provide for the
formation, establishment and regu-
lation of the Hong Kong Police
Reserve.
The Council adjourned until
Thursday next.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."
ANOTHER CROWDED "HOUSE"
LAST NIGHT.
A PAGEANT OF BEAUTY.

Principals and chorus alike in-
fused the true spirit of Merrie
England into the pageant of
medieval English scenes and re-
velries which was unfolded at the
fifth performance last night by
the Hong Kong Philharmonic
Society of their present produc-
tion, "Merrie England."
There was a crowded "house"
which was quick to show its ap-
preciation of the songs and choruses,
the excellence of which, combined
with the enthusiasm of the actors,
the pleasing effect of the settings
and gorgeous dresses, together
with the masterly handling of the
orchestra and work of general
direction, resulted in a finished
production which must go down in
local history as among the most
successful of its kind.
There is not a dull moment
throughout the whole production,
Long Tom and Big Ben, the four
men of Windsor Town and the
chorus, wait us straight into the
merry May Day atmosphere on
the village green and, once there,
we cannot but watch with the
utmost pleasure the unfolding of
the rustic scenes and follow with
the keenest interest the fortunes of
the principals.
To Eng.-Lieut. Comdr. Bedells,
the producer and soul and spirit
of the piece, and to Mr. W. H.
Fitz-Earl the musical director, the
heartiest congratulations are due
for his finished production. Special
mention should also be made
of the very fine acting and singing
of Mrs. Marcel in the part of
"Jill-All-Along" and Mrs. M.
Minney as Bessie Throckmorton,
also of the grace which Mrs. Watt
brings to the characterisation of
Queen "Bea." The other parts,
principal and otherwise, are all
in good hands and for the per-
formances to-night and to-morrow
night the producers and players
are assured of the response which
their arduous work has entitled
them to.

A WINE PROBLEM.
LEGAL ARGUMENT IN POLICE
COURT.
BOATMAN CHARGED.

Remanded on Tuesday last on a
charge of the unlawful possession
of twenty-three jars of dutiable
wine because the Magistrate found
that there was no evidence of pos-
session, and suggested a charge of
importing the wine, a Chinese boat-
man from Shauiwan made another
appearance in Court this morning
to answer the new charge.
Mr. J. M. Remedios who appeared
for the accused, submitted that he
had no case to answer. He said
that all the evidence given by the
prosecution was that the junk went
to Macao and took the wine on board
and brought it to Hong Kong. He
submitted that that was not an
offence under the Ordinance under
which the accused was charged,
unless the prosecution proved that
the wine had been imported con-
trary to the provisions of the Ordi-
nance. Before the accused could
be said to have committed the
offence of importing the wine cer-
tain provisions of the Ordinance
had to be proved in evidence to
have been violated. The prosecu-
tion had to prove that the accused
had attempted to land the wine from
the junk without a permit of the
C.S.P.
Only an Employee.
The only evidence given went to
show that the accused was the
quartermaster of the junk, and had
charge of navigating it to Macao,
and the fact that he had brought
the wine from Macao for his master
was not an offence against the Or-
dinance, especially as it had not
been proved that there was an at-
tempt to land the wine without a
permit.
Mr. Lindsell said that importation
was completed once the wine reached
the waters of the Colony.
Mr. Remedios argued that they
had evidence for the prosecution
that the accused was not the own-
er of the wine; he was only an em-
ployee of the owner. The accused
was in the same position as the
Captain of a ship which brought
dutiable goods into the Colony.
The Captain, Mr. Remedios argued,
as long as there was an owner for
the goods, was not responsible for ob-
taining the permit for landing the
goods, and as long as he did not
allow the goods to leave his custody
until a permit was produced, he
could not be said to have been guilty
of importing the dutiable goods.
In this case, 23 jars of wine were
stated to have been brought from
Macao, and 23 jars were found on
board the junk, so that it could not
be said that any attempt had been
made to land the goods without a
permit, and therefore there was no
unlawful importation of the goods
within the meaning of the Ordi-
nance.
A Loophole?
Mr. Remedios proceeded to in-
quire where was the sense of sev-
eral people applying for a permit
for the landing of the same goods.
Obviously that was not the inten-
tion of the Ordinance, therefore the
question was, who was the person
responsible for securing the permit.

EXCHANGE.
TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
On London—

Bank wire	2/- 3/4
Bank on demand	2/- 7/16
Bank 30 day's sight	—
Bank 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Credits 4 months' sight	2/1 1/2
Documentary 4 months	—
On Paris	2/1 1/2
On demand	1260
Credits 4 months' sight	1835
On Berlin	—
On demand	—
On New York	—
On demand	49 1/2
Credits 60 days' sight	51 1/2
On Bombay	—
On Calcutta	134 1/2
Wire	—
On demand	134 1/2
On Singapore	—
On demand	86 1/2
On Manila	—
On demand	par
On Shanghai	—
On demand	78 1/2
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama	—
On demand	107
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tasl)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.50
Silver (per oz)	26 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2% prem.
Chinese Copper Cash nom.	—
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem	—
Rate of Native In- terest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	27 1/2% dis
Hong Kong Sub. Coin par	—

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, Yesterday.

Paris	124
New York	4.88 11/82
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.28
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	83 15/16
Berlin	20.58
Stockholm	18.38
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.34 1/2
Vienna	34.59 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	29.28
Lisbon	2 7/16
Athens	365 1/2
Bucharest	790
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 7/8
Bombay	1/8 3/82
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Hong Kong	2/0 3/8
Yokohama	1/10 23/32
Silver Spot	26 1/2
Silver Forward	28 9/16

COASTAL CHANGES.

Mr. J. A. Duggan, third engineer
"Ningpo," has gone third engineer,
"Newchwang."
Mr. J. B. Smith, third engineer,
"Newchwang," has gone third en-
gineer, "Ningpo."
Mr. R. L. Ingledew, sup'y third
engineer, "Sinkiang," has gone
sup'y third engineer, "Antung."
Mr. C. E. Stuart, third engineer,
"Antung," has gone third engineer,
"Kaiyang."
Mr. A. W. Norrie, third engineer,
"Kaiyang," has gone acting second
engineer, "Kushikow."
Mr. W. Niblock, from Home leave,
has gone sup'y chief engineer,
"Yunnan."
Mr. G. W. Clark, second engineer,
"Shengkang," has gone acting chief
engineer, "Tientsin."
Mr. A. Jeffrey, third engineer,
"Suiyang," has gone acting second
engineer, "Shengkang."
Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, from re-
serve, has gone third engineer,
"Suiyang."
Mr. F. J. C. Wilson, third, en-
gineer, "Taming," has gone third
engineer, "Chekiang."
Mr. S. Dumbreck, third engineer,
"Chekiang," has gone third en-
gineer, "Taming."
Mr. A. B. Bowler, from Home
leave, has gone second engineer,
"Tientsin."
Mr. J. H. Cameron, sup'y chief
engineer, "Hsin Peking," is on re-
serve.
Mr. L. W. Waterson, third en-
gineer, "Chenan," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Findlater, sup'y third en-
gineer, "Kwaisang," has gone third
engineer, "Kutwo."
Mr. F. J. Fowles, third engineer,
"Kwaisang," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Turner, sup'y third en-
gineer, "Kwaisang," has gone third
engineer, "Tuchow."
Mr. C. J. Grainger, sup'y third
engineer, "Kwaisang," has gone
third engineer, "Leesang."
Mr. C. Moore, third engineer,
"Leesang," is on reserve.
Mr. A. M. Maloney, from reserve,
has gone second engineer, "Kuan-
wo."
Captain W. E. Syeel, of the
"Shukwang," has gone master,
"Asiatik."
Captain A. V. Harcourt, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Shu-
kwang."
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He submitted that it was not the
accused as long as the owner of the
wine was here and he had reported
to the owner the arrival of the
wine.
Mr. Lindsell remarked that he
had no doubt there must have been
more than one case on all fours
with this one in Court before, but
admitted that the point raised by
Mr. Remedios was certainly a novel
one as far as he knew. Mr. Re-
medios appeared to have discover-
ed a loophole in the Ordinance.
The case was adjourned until
Tuesday morning next for further
argument.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

ATHLETIC v. AIR FORCE.

Big Match To Be Staged on Club Ground.

OLD RIVALS AT KOWLOON.

The Interport Trial.

[By "Rover."]

The programme for to-morrow is:—

Hong Kong League Division I. Kick off 4.00 p.m.
Chinese Athletic v. Royal Air Force, Club Ground, Valley.
Kowloon v. Hong Kong Football Club, Kowloon.
Recreio v. South China, King's Park.
R.A. v. K.O.S.B. Regiment, Sookumpoo.
Scots Guards v. Police, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Junior Division (A). Kick off 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon v. Recreio, Kowloon A.F.C.
South China v. H.K. Club Res., South China Ground, Valley.
University v. K.O.S.B., Sookumpoo.
Chinese Athletic v. R.G.A. Reserves, Club Ground, Valley.
St. Joseph's v. South China (B), St. Joseph's Ground.

Junior Division (B).

South China A v. St. Joseph's, South China Ground, kick off 4.00 p.m.
Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's Ground, kick off 4.00 p.m.
South China B v. Moslems, King's Park, kick off 2.30 p.m.
Kung Woo v. Boy Scouts, Yaumati, kick off 2.30 p.m.

A fine list of matches is arranged for the week end and both at Kowloon and Hong Kong there are good games. The match of the day is at the Club Ground where the Athletic will oppose the Royal Air Force; both teams at full strength and both at the top of their form. The Athletic are fielding their usual eleven, a remarkable feature of their successful run being the absence of injuries to any of their players, the only one of note being as only on about a couple of occasions has it been necessary to change the team through Lee Wai-kung not being available. With the other Clubs nursing several injured players at the present time it certainly looks as if the Athletic are taking their training very seriously. The Air Force will fully extend the Athletic, as at present they are playing a good game and it will be a difficult job for the selectors to know what forward to stand down now that Bennion is back again and Constable and Gallacher are both playing so well. This game should be worth seeing and will be hot from the kick off as both teams will be all out, and both attacks are very clever. The Athletic's half back line will on Saturday be fully extended.

The Borderers should beat the R.G.A. at Sookumpoo but the R.G.A. can not be relied on to lose at any time, and a good Army match with plenty of hard and good football should reward spectators at the South China Command ground.

At Kowloon the match of the day will be meeting of the two premier Civilian Clubs when the Hong Kong Club can be relied on to make the home team go the full course to secure the points, Kowloon are on the upgrade and will field a strong side, with possibly a couple of surprises forward, while the Club are still suffering from injuries to players and may have to find substitutes for Scott and Simpson, the left winners. However in these games local rivalry counts very much and a very keen game is anticipated with plenty of rousing football.

The Recreio are also showing an injured list owing to some very strenuous matches, and against South China which would ordinarily be regarded as a snip for the King's Park team, the home team will have to field one or two Reserves, but even so despite the big support which a Chinese team always receives at King's Park, Gosano and his lads should secure two points. The game will be very keen and will probably draw the largest gate since the strong counter attractions.

The Scots Guards v. Police game at Chatham Road is Kowloon's third attraction and the Police will endeavour to recover a bit of their old form as their last two or three games have shown a falling off. But the absence of one or two players in the Police Team makes a big difference and if the Police can field a full team the Guards will have to work very hard for a win. However, I fancy the Guards' chances, as they appear a good all-round team and without having many outstanding stars the team generally is sound with no weak spots and will improve more yet.

The Junior Programme "A" Division does not contain anything outstanding, the Borderers, and St. Joseph's should both win, while Kowloon Reserves and Recreio Reserves should provide a real match and very little in the result. The Club Reserves and the Chinese Athletic should also win but neither are dead certs. In the "B" Division Chinese Athletic should gather the points against Kowloon III and Kung Woo, Moslems, and South China "A" look likely winners.

The Interport Practice match on Wednesday last was a capital game and although the Interport team defeated the Royal Air Force by the fairly substantial margin of 4 goals to one, the Air Force played quite a good game and were only beaten by the brilliant passages of the Interport forward line which on

Wednesday was certainly up to Interport form. Shanghai will have to look to its football laurels this season if the Hong Kong forwards can reproduce this form. Suen Kung-shing the usually safe shot, missed unaccountably on two occasions as also did Gosano once, but the general field play and work of these insides was very fine and Vernon gave another fine exhibition of centre forward play. Tso Kwai-shing outside right was much steadier and did many smart things also his running was very strong, whilst Alexander on the left wing did many clever things, but is inclined to crowd in on his inside men when near his opponents goal. Sims and Lim Yuk-ying maintained their high standard but C. Remedios has not yet come back. Lai Yuk-tat at left back kicked strong under pressure and was better than Howard who deputised for Wynn, Rodger saved many good ones.

As a trial for our probable and possible representatives it was a very successful one and Avery in goal for the Air Force saved many more than beat him, having no chance with any of the shot which were of the pile driving nature, excepting one which Vernon cleverly walked in. The backs also did well under great pressure and Wilkes, Welsh and Bailey stuck grimly to a very smart forward line. Bennion made up for Vernon's absence and played well with Gallacher and Constable in a nipply forward line the left wing if anything being more prominent on Wednesday than Burch and Robbins. The next Interport Practice match will be on Xmas Eve at the Club ground practically the same team being chosen for the Interport side the Athletic's backs being given a trial together.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI in their League Match against the Hong Kong Club on Saturday, December 17, on Kowloon Ground. Kick off at 4.00 p.m.:—

Angus, Wheeler, Dodshon, Duest, Sims, Hedley, Pile, May, Northey, Tiernan, Miles. Reserves: Vickars. The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in their League Match against the Recreio on Saturday, December 17, on Kowloon Ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—

Wood, Ellis, Pasco, Dunnett, Skinner, Blacklock, Reed, Clark, Spary, Muir, Eastman. Reserves: Easterbrook and Nicholls.

CUP SOCCER.

KETTERING OUT OF CONTEST.

London, Yesterday. In the replayed cup match Charlton beat Kettering 2-1.—Reuter.

BOXING SCENE.

TROUBLE FOLLOWS FAILURE TO APPEAR.

Los Angeles. "Ace" Hudkins, of Nebraska, claimed the welter-weight championship of the world here when Joe Dundee, of Baltimore, failed to turn up. After a long delay, following the preliminary fights, Hudkins came into the ring and sat there for fifteen minutes, after which he left, as Dundee did not appear. Shortly afterwards Hudkins came back fully dressed and it was announced on behalf of the "Nebraska Wild-cat" that he claimed the title. The crowd began voicing their disappointment and loudly demanded their money back.

One section of disgruntled "fans" started smashing chairs, and as they showed signs of causing an ugly riot squads of police were rushed to the ring to quell the uproar. The announcement that the money paid for admission would be refunded, however, pacified the crowd.

LOCAL CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

OTHER MATCHES.

The following teams will represent the Civil Service C.C. on Saturday next:—

V. Chinese Rec. Club. League. G. R. Sayer (captain), A. E. Wood, B. D. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, F. J. Ling, T. D. E. Pendered, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. W. Grimmitt, M. E. Strange, A. R. Sutherland, F. H. Holdman.
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HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the R.A.C.C. on Saturday, December 17, at 2 p.m., on the Home ground:—

C. W. Lam (captain), Dr. D. K. Samy, D. Laing, A. A. Rumjahn, B. P. Ng, J. Barrow, W. Hong Sling, S. V. Gittins, A. P. Gutierrez, F. I. Zimmern, E. A. Lee.
Umpire: Mr. F. H. Traves; Scorer: Mr. C. L. Tan.
The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a League match against the C.S.C.C. 2nd XI at Happy Valley on Saturday, December 17, at 2 p.m.:—

P. Hiptoola (captain), M. B. Osman, W. M. Gittins, A. Baker, B. N. Sudan, A. B. Suleiman, S. R. Suleiman, S. R. Kermani, K. T. Loke, A. Chan Fook, B. H. Schroter, H. T. M. Barma.
Scorer: Mr. G. E. Yeoh.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

A white terrier dog was yesterday removed to the Maitland Depot for observation after it had bitten Bdr. Greenfield, R.A., at Stonecutters. Bdr. Greenfield received treatment at the Military Hospital.

The mistress of cargo junk No. 1463 has reported to the police that about 6 a.m., yesterday, whilst the boat was off the No. 3 wharf at Kowloon Godowns, a foki whilst hoisting the sail fell when the sail rope burst, and suffered injuries to his leg which necessitated his removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

A cargo of gingeng worth \$7,000 was yesterday seized by the police on board Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's s.s. "Kanchow." The cargo was being unloaded when the police seized it. No information could be obtained as to the identity of the imported of the cargo.

The police yesterday seized 80 tins of raw non-Government opium on board the s.s. "Fookshing" at the Kowloon wharf. The opium was not claimed and no arrest was made.

Mrs. Reynolds living at the Old Leather Factory, Kowloon City, has reported to the police that early yesterday morning someone entered her room and stole a diamond ring worth \$350.

DIFFERENT COLOUR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

cently arrived in Canton ostensibly to serve with the Consulate but in reality to direct the work of spoliation and destruction during the short-lived "Red" regime.

Reds' Last Stand.
The seven men were paraded round the streets with the reasons for their sentence enumerated on placards, before execution was carried out.

The charred remains of what was a row of substantial four storey buildings, numbering over thirty, marks the last stand of the "Reds" in the neighbourhood of Tungshan, when hard pressed by the troops of Li Fook-lum. These are on the waterfront visible from the front reach.

TROUBLE IN NORTH.

Unrest at Shanghai, Kiukiang and Wuhu.

That the plans of the "Reds" were to create trouble not only in Canton but in all districts where the Nationalist authority extends, is shown by naval wireless messages from Kiukiang and Wuhu stating that there have been acute labour troubles fomented by the extremists.

The "Kung Sheng Yat Po" reports extraordinary vigilance by the Nationalist military in (Chinese) Shanghai against possible labour troubles. Troops were posted in large numbers near the main factory of the Commercial Press, says the cable.

QUESTION IN HOUSE.

No British Casualties at Canton.

London, Yesterday. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Comdr. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that so far as was known there had been no British casualties in the recent disturbances at Canton.—British Wireless Service.

Shameen Defences.
Paris, Yesterday. The China correspondent of the "Excelsior" reports that the defences of Shameen are dangerously weak, especially against a night attack, as the foreign settlement depends upon Canton for its electric light which certainly would be cut off if such an attempt were made. The correspondent considers the settlement is safe only owing to the "natural irresolution of the Chinese."—Reuter.

TRADE LOSSES.

Story of Customs' Returns.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Customs returns for the last eleven months show that Shanghai's imports have decreased by twenty-eight per cent., and the exports by nine per cent. Canton's imports and exports have both compared with the same period last year and the downward trend continues.—Reuter.

SOVIET TO GO.

Nationalists Now Determined.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nationalist Mandate of December 14 ordered the withdrawal of the recognition hitherto accorded to the Soviet Consuls in Nationalist territory, and also the suspension of the functions of the Soviet Commercial Agencies. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has now instructed that this mandate be executed with vigilance.

The Nationalist Government points out that this momentous decision has been forced on them by the startling events in Canton on December 11. They claim to have discovered that this uprising was made possible because the Soviet Consulate and the Commercial Agencies were actually accomplices of the Communists, having for a long time permitted the use of their premises as a base for Communist operations, which is a flagrant violation of international ethics.

Communist Programme.
The National Government have learned that similar risings were planned in other important places in Nationalist territory. The elaborate programme drawn up by the Communist Party for the destruction of the Kuomintang and of the National Government has determined the Government to stamp out the Communists who have always been a source of incalculable danger.

On December 14 representatives of the Nationalist Government interviewed the United States Consul-General, Mr. Cunningham, who is the Senior Consul in Shanghai, and also Major Hilton Johnson, the Commissioner-General for the International Settlement on the same afternoon with reference to the subject of carrying out the proposed closure of the Soviet Consulate and the Dalbank who are notorious fiscal agents of the Soviet.

The Soviet Consul-General, Kovlovsky, refuses to make any comment until he receives instructions from Moscow.—Reuter.

Marching Orders.
Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Nationalist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has handed the Soviet Consul-General at Shanghai his passports and requested him to leave Nationalist territory within a week.—Reuter.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Frank Rawlinson, editor of "The Chinese Recorder," is in the Gountry Hospital, Shanghai.

A meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club will be held at the Cathedral Hall this evening, at 8.30.

A porcelain pot containing 45 sovereigns of Queen Victoria's reign has been unearthed in the garden of Somerton Lodge, Winkfield, Berkshire, the residence of Mr. W. P. Elliott.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the annual race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held on February 13, 14, and 16, are now ready, and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

London, yesterday.—Asked in the House of Commons if he was now in a position to state what action was being taken by the Air Ministry to retain the Schneider Cup next year Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, said a conference was taking place on the subject this afternoon and he hoped to give an answer in the next few days.

There was put up for sale at Messrs. Lamert Brothers Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, yesterday afternoon, by order of the mortgagee, a leasehold property, known as Nos. 1 and 2, Ellenbud Villas, Pokfulam. The upset price was \$12,000, but as there was no advance, the property was withdrawn from the market.

Divisional Inspector Frank Page, of the Stoke Newington, N., division of the Metropolitan Police who is retiring, was, as a member of the Scotland Yard Flying Squad, concerned in the case in which Frederick Bywaters and Mrs. Thomson were executed for the murder at Ilford in 1922 of the woman's husband.

The second annual dinner-dance of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held this evening at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden. Special menus and programmes have been prepared, and a large number of guests are expected to be present. The dinner begins at 8 p.m., and the function continues until 12.30.

The death of Sir Granville Wheeler creates a vacancy in the parliamentary representation of the Faversham division of Kent. He won the last election as a Conservative, in which election over thirty thousand votes were cast, by a majority of five thousand over Labour and eleven thousand over the Liberal candidate.

Mrs. W. R. Meredith is at present on a visit to Singapore.

The King has given £25 and the Queen £10 to the Mayor of Windsor's fund for those rendered homeless by the fire at Elm Flats.

Mr. Joseph Addison, Counsellor of the British Embassy at Berlin, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Riga, Reval and Kovno.



A new portrait of Admiral Sir Charles Edward Madden, whose resemblance to that of King George V. is uncanny. Often he is taken for the King. Only recently he assumed the command of the fleet.

The Chinese Telegraph Administration, which has been interrupted during the past few days owing to the communist coup, had been resumed, and telegrams can now be received for transmission to Canton and Shamsen.

While driving his car in a snowstorm in a ten days endurance test at Monterey, Mr. Victor Bruce met with an accident from which he escaped unhurt. His car overturned owing to a skid on the ice-covered course. Mr. Bruce drove his car to the repair shed where it was immediately overhauled with a view to continuing the test. Mrs. Bruce who is sharing periods at the wheel with her husband was not in the car at the time.

Col. G. G. Stroebe, of the Yangtze River Conservancy Board, has gone to Hankow on business.

Mr. C. B. Graburn, of Sungkat, who is now in England on leave, is expected to return some time this month.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Frederic Hazel Pentecost, widower and banker, of No. 357, The Peak, to Miss Una McLean Gubbins, c/o Dr. I. Newton, Kowloon Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Hong by the Blue Funnel liner "Antenor" yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. R. S. Greenfield, Capt. and Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. C. R. Shaw, Miss Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Currie.

Capt. Forbes, one of the oldest residents of Singapore, who was at one time with the Straits Steamship Co. and whose association with the Colony dates as far back as 1880, is leaving on a world tour, travelling via Australia and South Africa. He will be away for about a year.

Probate of the will of Dong Toy, late of San Francisco, California, merchant, who died at the Dante Sanatorium, San Francisco, on October 15, 1926, has been granted to Chin Shee, his widow and executrix, of No. 22a, Keadney Road. Estate is Hong Kong is valued at \$117,400.

Mr. V. A. Lowinger, Surveyor-General, F.M.S. and S.S., left Kuala Lumpur for Singapore. He is sailing for South Africa by the "Santos Maru." By the same ship will travel Mr. R. Crichton, who is retiring from Government Service, and is visiting the South African orange groves in which he is interested.

Capt. J. Charnock, B.A., will move, and Mrs. J. Fild will second, the motion "That Young Men and Women to-day are less serious than they were 25 years ago," at St. Peter's Church Y.M. Club next Monday evening, at 8.30. The opposition will be led by Miss E. Couch, and Mr. C. K. Ong, of the Hong Kong University.

London, yesterday.—The Duchess of York made her first inspection of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, of which she was appointed Colonel-in-Chief last August at Aldershot. The weather was bitterly cold and the Duchess was anxious the men should be dismissed at the earliest possible moment. Later Her Royal Highness lunched with the officers.

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Efforts to bring the disorders to Hong Kong were promptly frustrated by the local police, and a number of arrests were made as the Canton boats arrived here.

In addition to carrying the full story of the taking and recapture of Canton, this week's "Overland Mail" also contains an exclusive account of how "Red" agitators attempted to promote a strike among the workers of the Colony.

Local news—social, commercial, sporting, etc.—is fully dealt with in this issue of the "Overland" and a comprehensive report is given of the morphia case proceedings in the Police Court.

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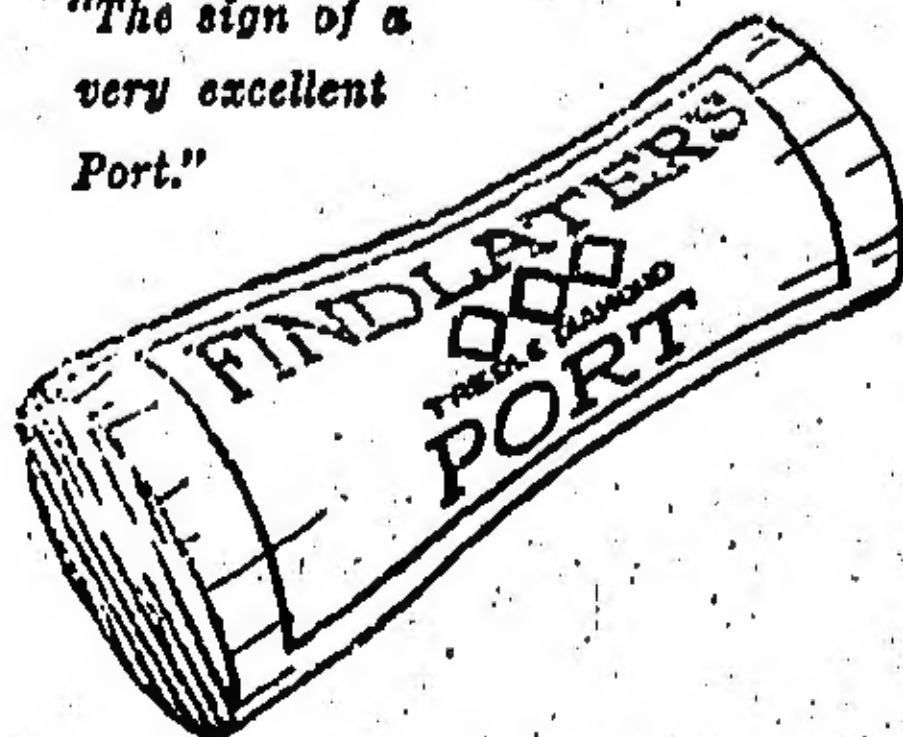
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On Sunday last, December 11, the city of Canton was seized by Communists who drove what few Government (Ironsides) troops there were there from the capital. Many people, as the pictures below show, were killed in the street fighting, incendiarism was rife, and there was much looting. For two days the "Red" held sway, but when opposed by a moderately sized force of Government soldiery, fled.

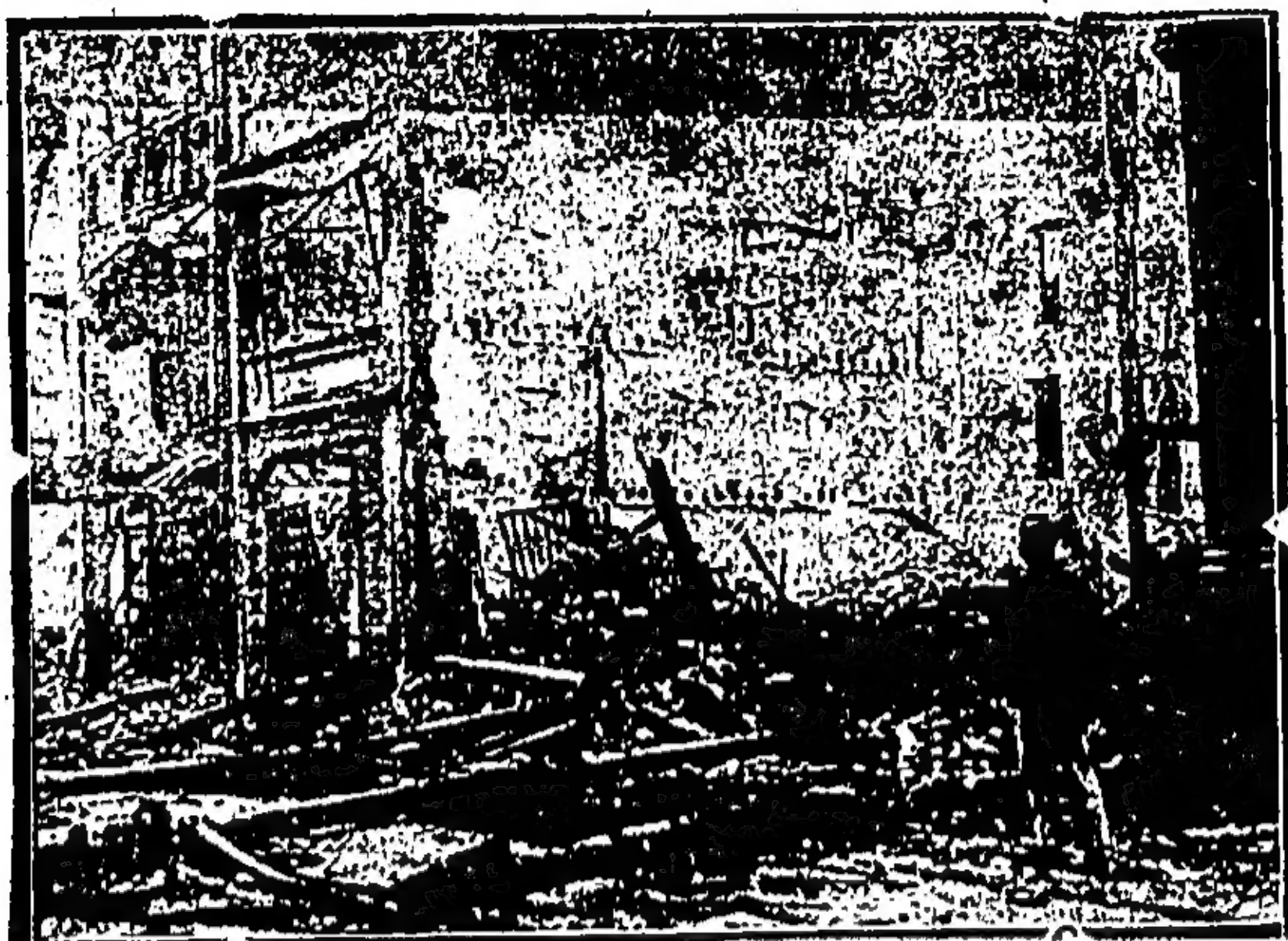


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A whole block of buildings gutted at Tapingoh in the city.



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Smoke coming through the windows of the Central Bank.

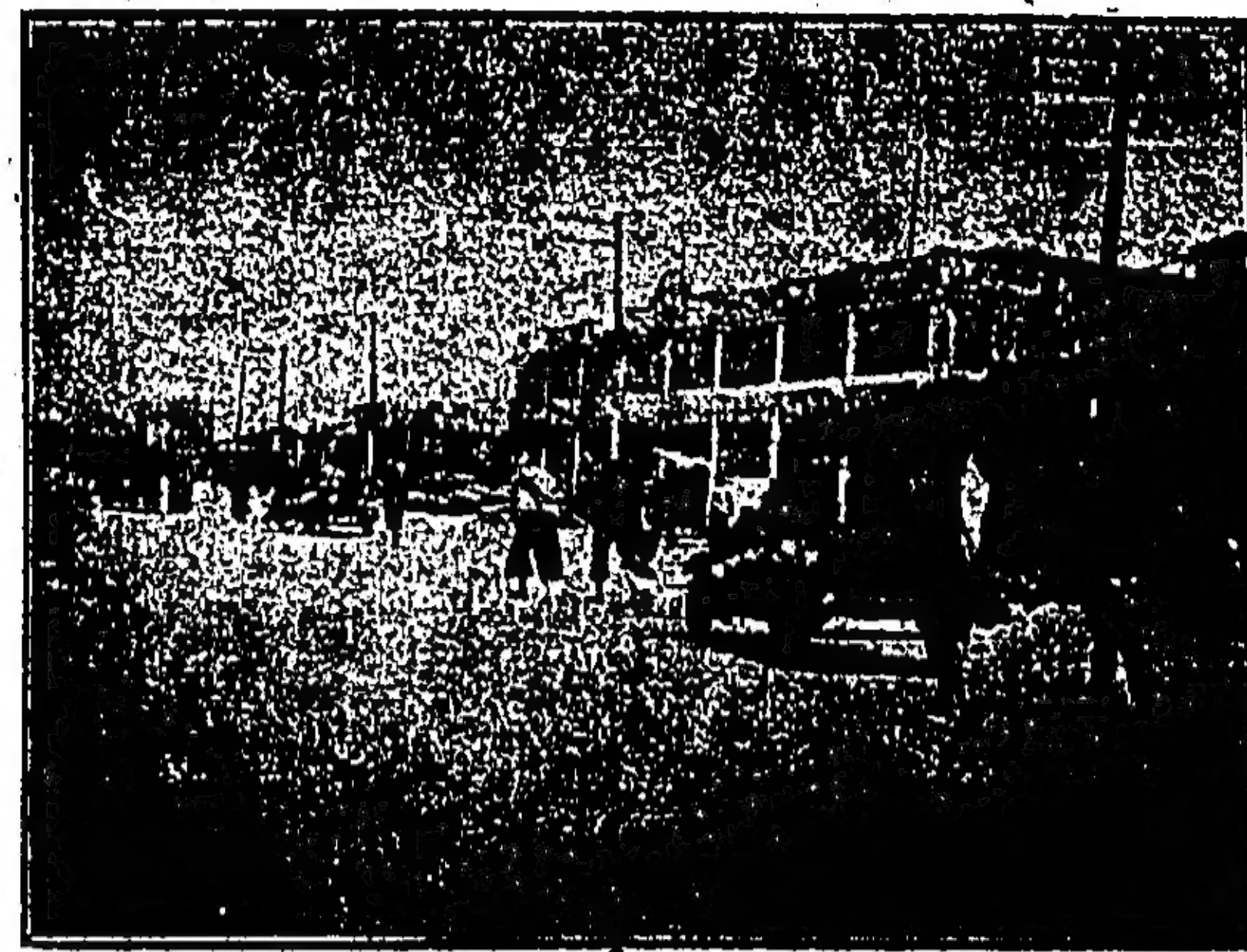


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Truckloads of corpses of both loyalists and Communists being wheeled away from the city for burial.



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Corpses piled up in a road leading to the suburbs.



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The Central Bank of China—a Nationalist Organisation—on the bund, with a soldier on guard over the ruins and debris and nothing standing behind the gate.

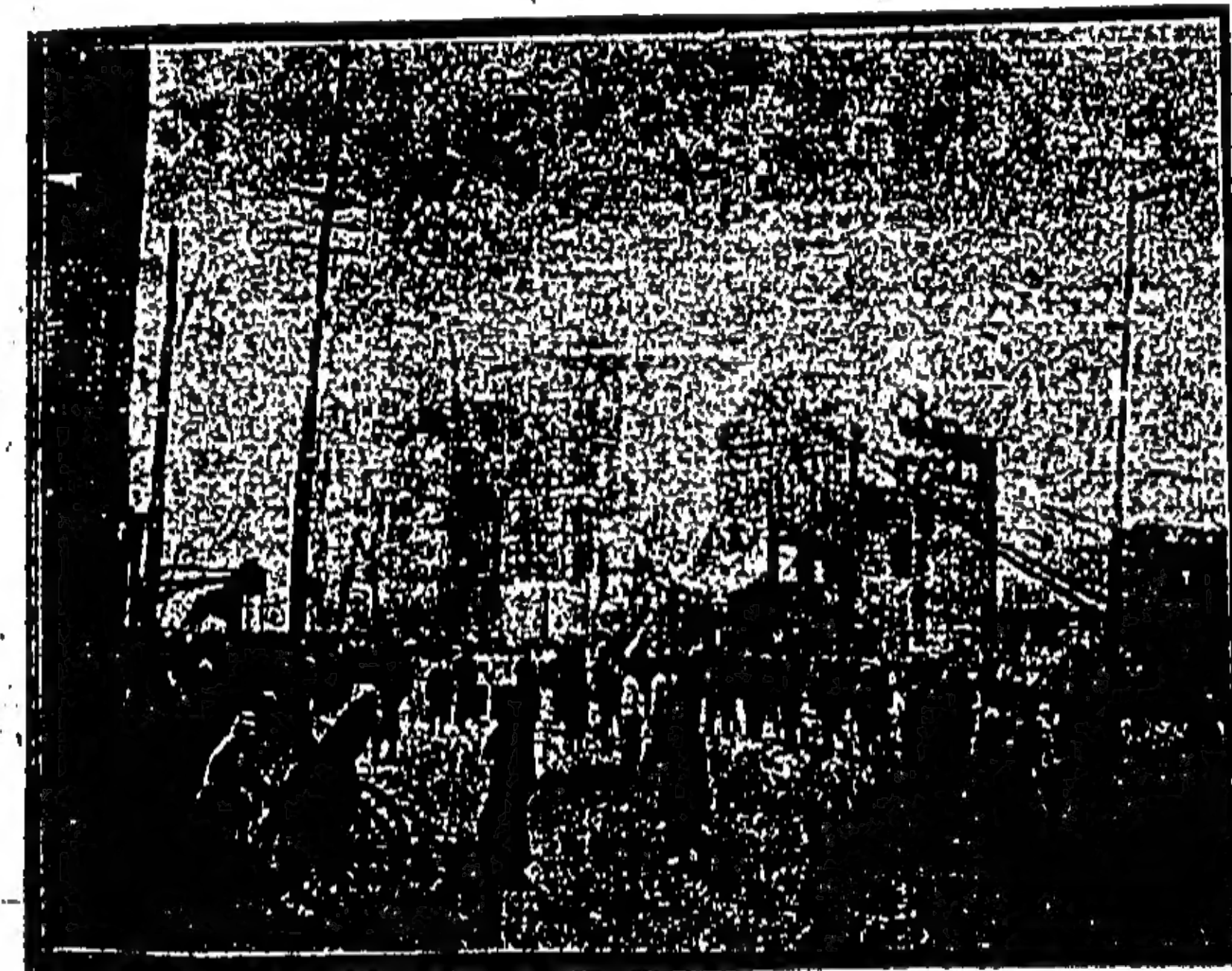


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All that was left of a row of imposing buildings in a prominent part of the city.



Photo by Wah Tze Yat Po.

A policeman standing guard over the bodies of Communists shot down when robbing a pawnshop in Wing Hon Road.



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An impromptu banner borne in triumph along the street, reading: The Propaganda Corps of the Soviet Government.

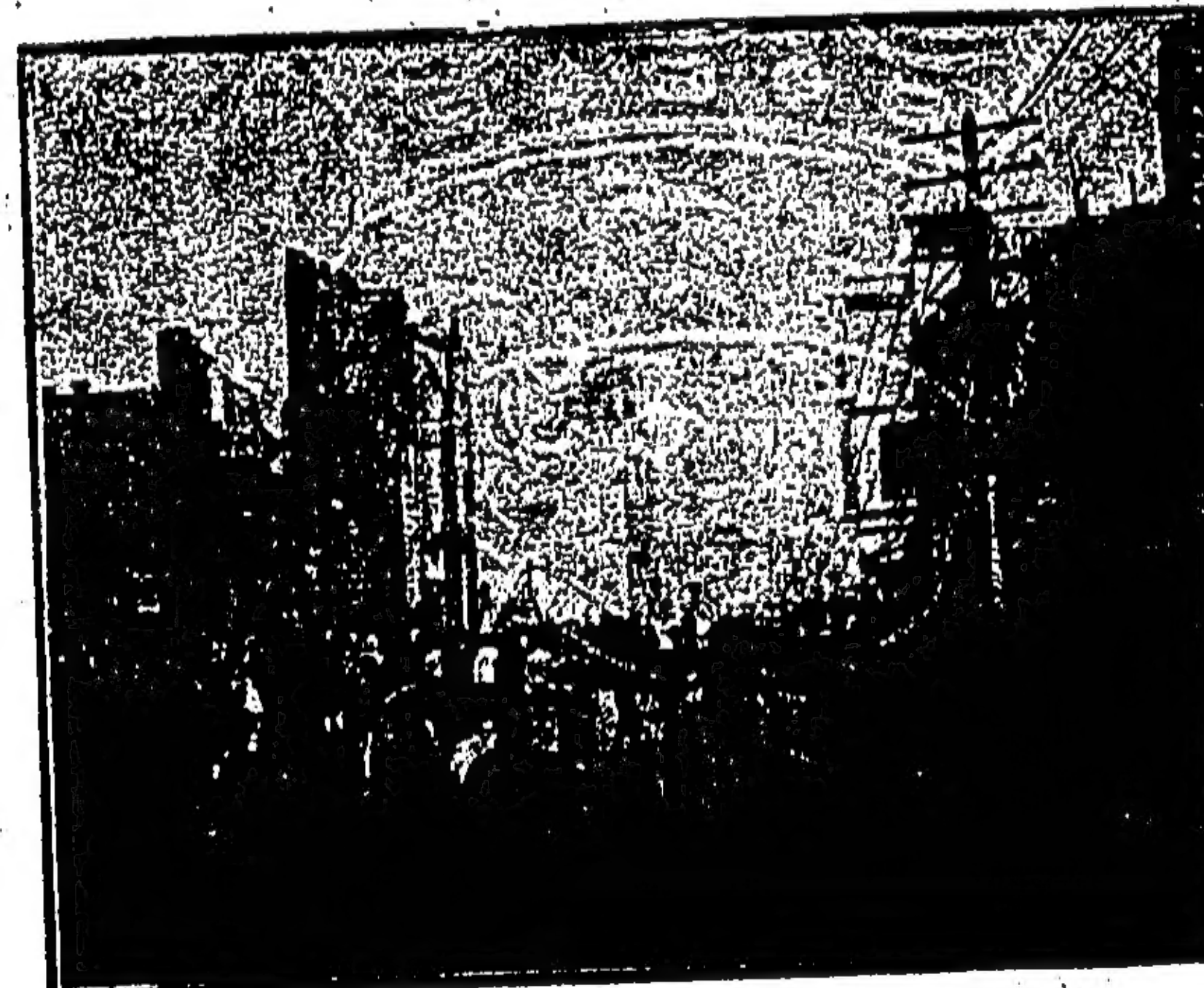


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A police station and surrounding property in the city stripped bare by the flames.

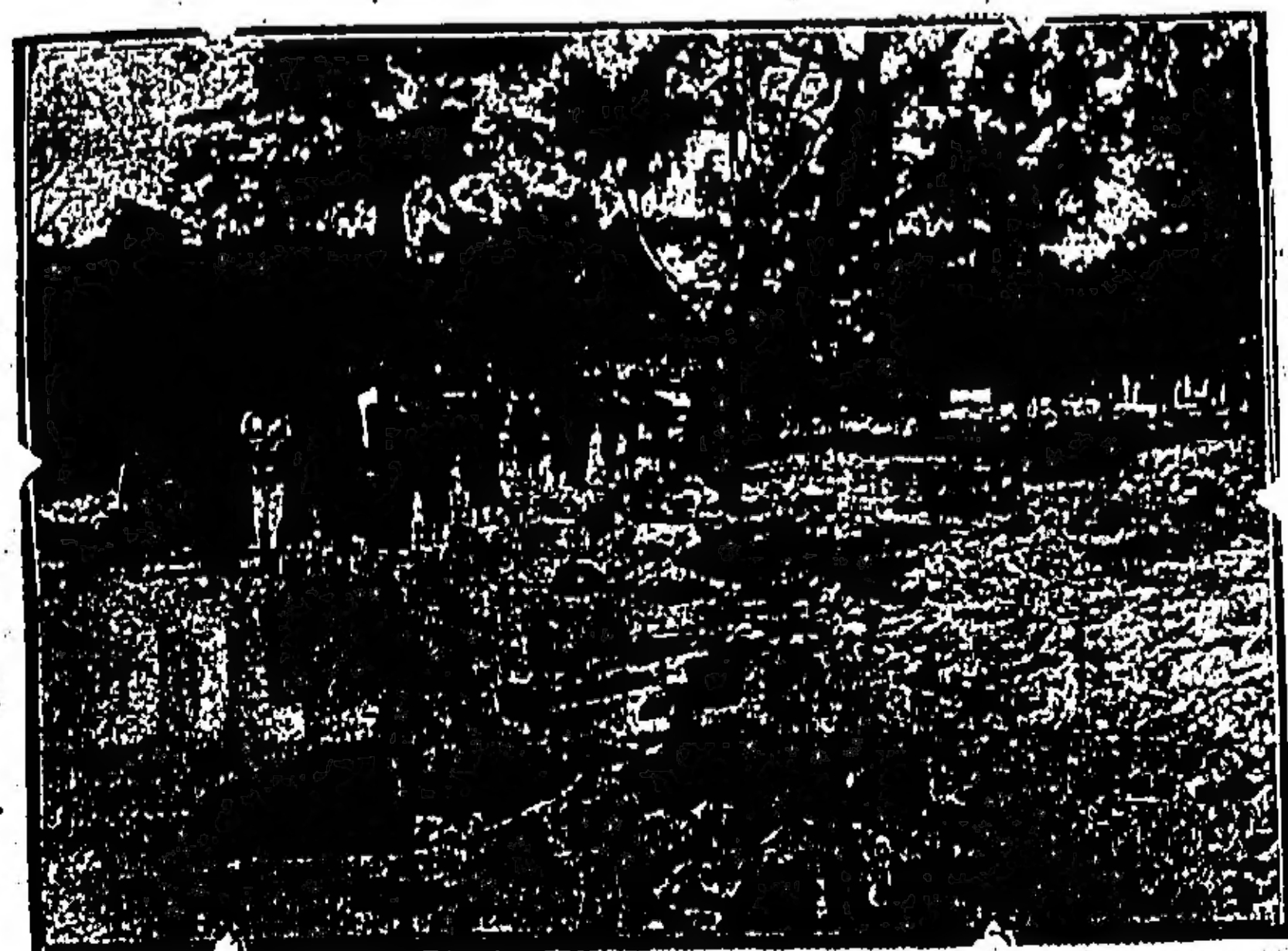


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Another view of the gruesome mass which was once humanity—waiting to be cleared away.

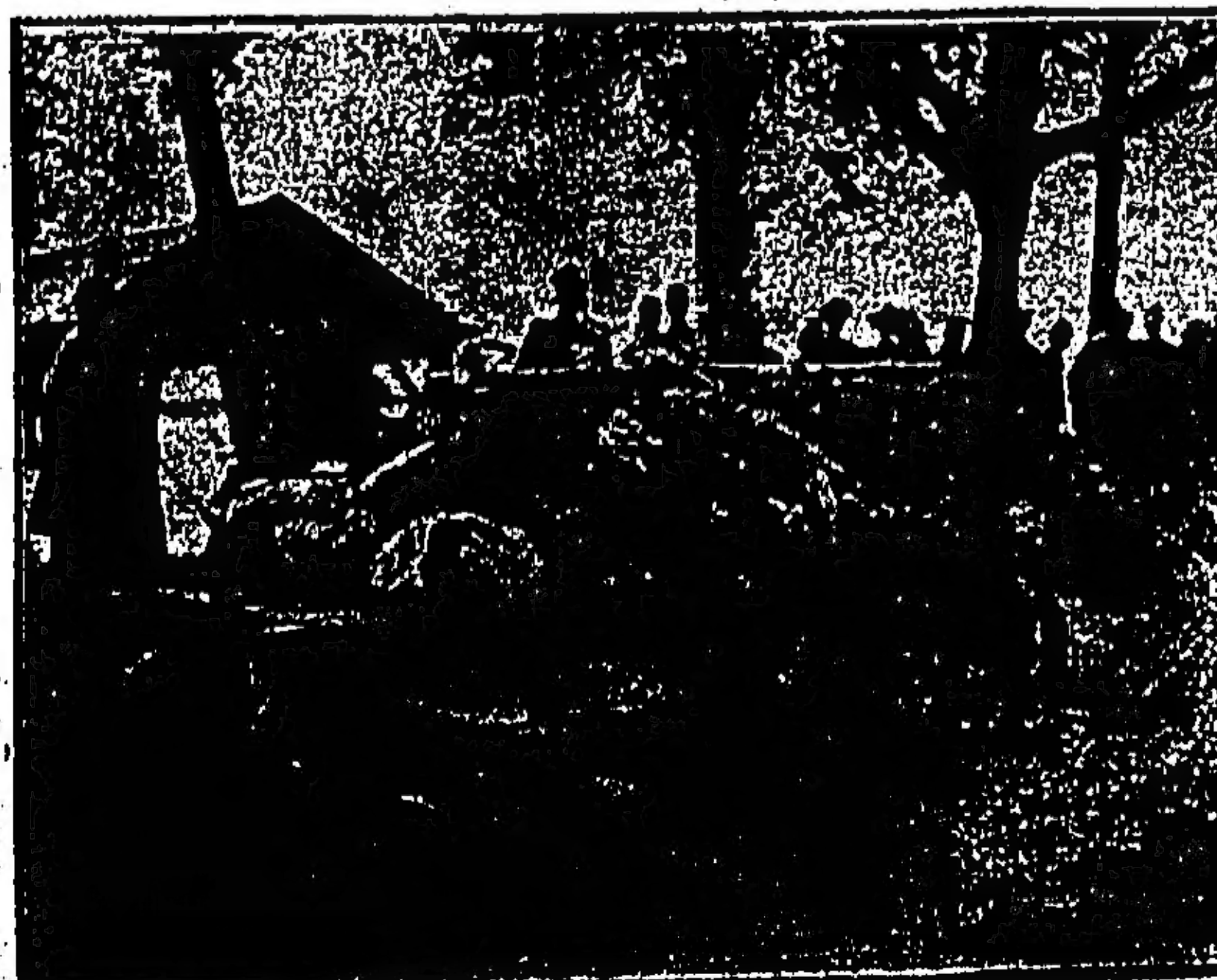


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A goods truck loaded with the mutilated bodies of Communists who paid the extreme penalty.



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Dead bodies of Communists who were mown down in a road after the loyalist troops had landed on the bund. Loot is strewn everywhere.

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PLAIN WORDS.

THE OLD VIC'S "MERCHANT OF
VENICE."

"O hell, what have we here?" as
the Prince of Morocco, forgetting
himself, remarks when he picks on
the wrong casket in Portia's draw-
ing-room.

"The Merchant of Venice," done
by the Old Vic at the Lyric, Ham-
mersmith, is an amazing combina-
tion—it will not insult the really big
plays by saying "but of sheer irre-
sponsible prettiness and buffoonery,"
writes Mr. Hubert Griffith in the
"Evening Standard."

Think, if you can, of any play in
the world's history with a duller
opening than "The Merchant"—of
Portia enumerating the qualities of
her suitors, and trying to speak
her lines as though they were really
jewels of wit and observation; and
of Nerissa listening to her, and, in
her capacity of "companion," try-
ing to play up to her employer and
flatter her illusion. Think of that
scene between the Gobbo, father
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flatter her illusion.

A Shakespearean Fetish.

The question of cutting and com-
pressing is an important one. The
fashion of doing all plays "in full"
is fantastic. There are plays—
written in haste among the huge
output of Shakespeare's short work-
ing life—that are the better for
slight pruning. There are other
plays that, to our modern consci-
ousness, deserve the scissors as
ruthlessly as the first efforts of a
novice. And yet so hopelessly has
the whole question been overgrown
and intermingled with Bardolatry
that it may well be asked, "Who is
going to take the trouble?" If pre-
cisely the same measure of ap-
plause goes out to the exquisite
scene of Jessica and Lorenzo talk-
ing in the garden as is given to
the wheezings and caperings of
the Gobbo—why worry?

Mr. Lewis Casson's Shylock was
the surprise and success of the
evening. He still, of course, large-
ly overdid him. His make-up in-
cluded a nose that must have
weighed nearly half a pound. He
made him filthy and unkempt
(there is no particular warrant for
this), and he was too apt to
break out into rantings and rail-
ings. Shylock could obviously be
cast in a very different mould from
this, as his chief defence is the
quick, logical and witty retorts that
he manages to get in to nearly
everything that the Christians say
to him.

A Shock.

Nevertheless, Mr. Casson's nat-
ural sanity came to the rescue.
He seemed absolutely unable to re-
collect that Shylock was a celebra-
ted character in the Shakespearean
repertory, or to see him otherwise
than as a man who had been a nor-
mal human being first, and was
then driven outside himself by
stress of emotion afterwards. I
shall never forget the shock of sur-
prise it gave me to hear Mr. Casson
gabbling away at his opening lines,
not as a great actor trying to play
Shylock, but as a man honestly and
wholeheartedly trying to represent
a person. Mr. Eric Portman made
a very promising appearance as
Basanio.

By the by, the note that Jessica
gives to a servant, asking for it to
be taken to Lorenzo "secretly,"
turned out to be about as big as the
invitation from the Duchess in
"Alice in Wonderland." A small
matter. But enough to raise a
laugh anywhere outside Shakes-
peare—that is to say, where pro-
duction is taken seriously.

NEW DRAMATIST.

RELATIVE OF GRIEG THE
COMPOSER.

Has Norway at last got a worthy
successor of Henrik Ibsen? ask the
critics, and for the most part they
answer in the affirmative. The new
dramatist is a young man of twenty-
five, Nordahl Grieg, a relative of
Edvard Grieg, who wrote the music
to "Peer Gynt." Mr. Grieg had his
first book published last year, "The
Ship Goes On," and achieved con-
siderable success. The novel has
already been translated into nine
languages. This autumn he has
published a volume of poems and
finished two dramas, one of which
was presented at the National
Theatre in Oslo and the other at the
National Scene in Bergen, and both
were successful.

The Drama presented at the Na-
tional Scene in Bergen was called
"The Love of a Young Man," and
was rather conventional, but that
presented at the National Theatre
in Oslo marks a definite break with
the old scenic technique. The play
is called "Barabbas," with the de-
scription, "A drama of Palestine two
thousand years ago, of China to-
day, and of India to-morrow." There
are no acts, and the drama de-
velops through eight continuous
tableaux.

The drama is built round the
eternal conflict between the Chris-
tian and the worldly conception of
life, and takes as its starting-point
the opposition of a conquered na-
tion against her oppressors, Barab-
bas and Christ representing the con-
trasted types of reaction. General-
ly speaking, the gravest objection
against the drama is that the per-
sons are not human beings, but
mouth-pieces of abstract ideas.
The presentation in Oslo was a
great success.

SHY GIRL WANTED.

Hollywood's film kings are look-
ing for a new type of film beauty.
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Gish, and many another screen
favourite.

He confesses that it isn't going
to be an easy quest, though he does
not believe that the Shy Girl has
ceased to exist.

Oh, no! He asserts that he saw
one only last year.

Here is what "D.W." says about
his search.

"The impression seems to prevail
among girls outside Hollywood that
sex appeal is the only thing that
matters.

"The majority of applicants for
work in the studios send photo-
graphs of nymph-like figures in
light-fitting bathing suits, accom-
panied by the tributes of the Press
to their loveliness and achieve-
ments.

"These will in future receive less
and less attention.

"We are now looking for the old
world type of beauty in girls—for
girls whose wholesomeness is re-
flected in their beauty."

Mr. Griffith thinks the secret of
the matter is that girls no longer
have any faith in the "shy" type of
beauty.

And that, he thinks, is where
they make the mistake of their
lives.

TICKLING THROAT.

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ing experience caused by a bit of
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STANDING MENACE.

L.C.C. AND QUESTION OF
SAFETY.

The question of persons waiting
in lounges and gangways at cinema
theatres to obtain seats was raised
at a meeting of the London County
Council by Mr. J. D. Gilber, who
asked if such arrangements con-
formed to the Council's by-laws.
He also asked whether the The-
atres and Music Halls Committee
would issue a circular or special
warning to cinema proprietors
pointing out the danger of such a
practice.

Miss Rosamond Smith, chairman
of the committee, replied that in a
number of cinemas special waiting
spaces had been provided at the
request of the Council and in other
persons were permitted to line up
in the vestibule. Except in special
cases, standing was not prohibited
in the gangways at the sides and
back of the seating, but sufficient
space had to be left for persons to
pass easily to and from and to have
free access to exits. In making re-
quirements as to the number of
exits an allowance was made for
the possibility of persons standing
or waiting.

STAR SALARIES.

The enormous salaries paid to
theatrical stars, mainly feminine,
and almost exclusively in musical
comedy and revue, has again been
discussed in the papers by
managers, some very highly paid
actresses, and other players whose
daily bread has not nearly so much
jam on it. In my experience this
controversy, like many others, leads
nowhere. The managers say that
the salaries are far more than they
can afford to pay, but that they
have no choice if they want to
secure a popular actress or singer
to whom other managers will pay
£200 or even £300 a week; and they
add that if the same lady goes to
America she can get double these
sums. The stars quite naturally
take the view that she has worked
hard to get to the top, and unless she
were well paid, and that unless she
were worth £300 a week she would
not get it—a statement which
seems economically sound. But
none the less the fact remains that
these salaries of £200, and even
£300 a week, shorten the life of
many entertainments in moderate-
sized theatres, where, as Mr. Sey-
mour Hicks pointed out recently, a
manager has to pay about £60 of
rent per performance instead of the
pre-war rent of about £11. High
salaries and swollen rents mean
that a theatre has to be completely
filled every night to earn any real
profit; and high salaries and swol-
len rents are both due to fierce
competition for theatres and stars.
So there we leave the controversy in
a bag's end.

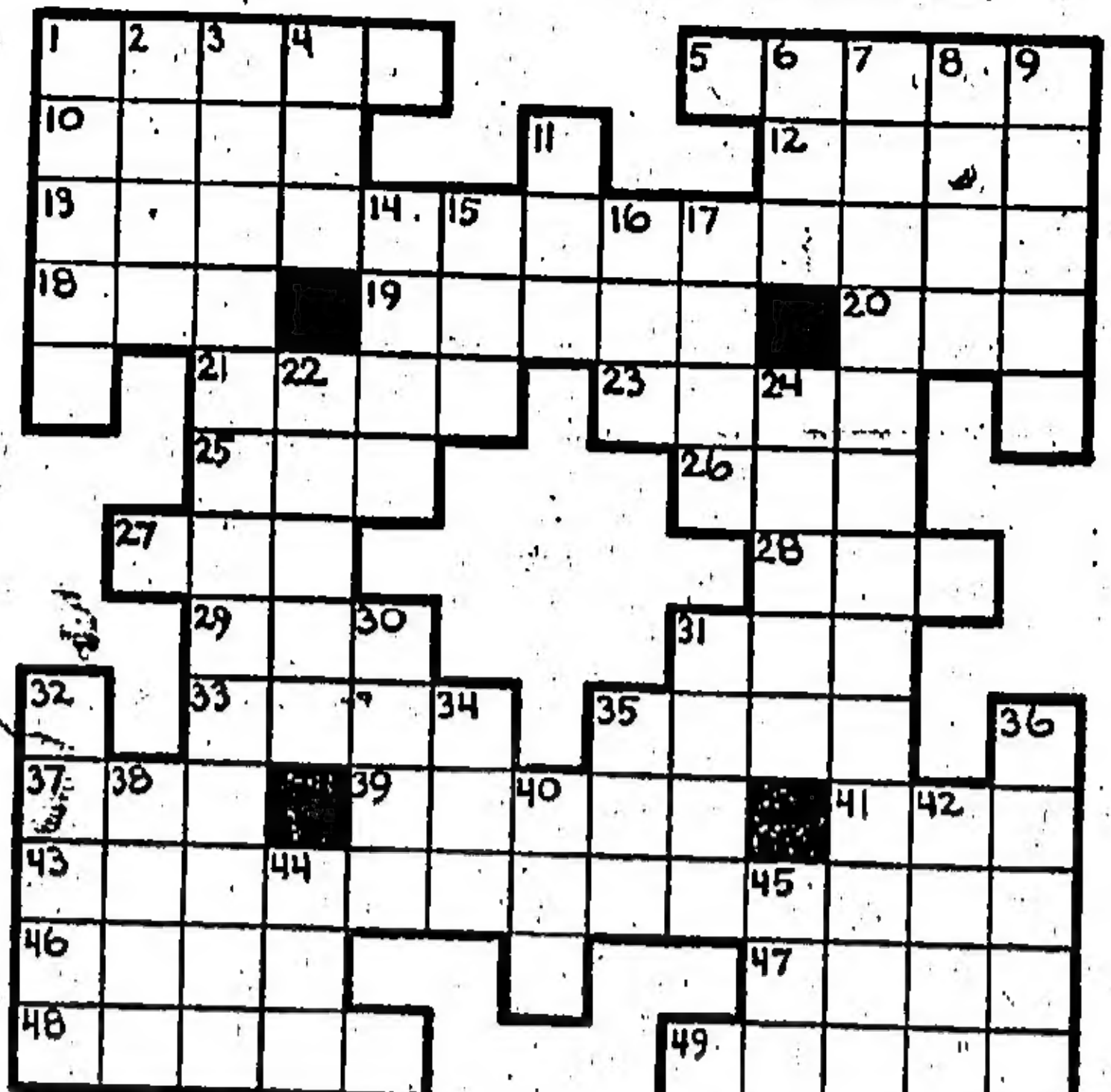
A SCHOOL OF FILM ACTING.

A beginning has just been made
in London with the creation of a
school for training actors and ac-
tresses for the films. There have
been cinema schools before, but this
is a more serious effort. In co-
operation with some of the leading
British film-making firms the Royal
Academy of Dramatic Art is about
to open a course for teaching film
acting. The actual instruction will
be given by well-known directors—a
word which in this connection
means the experts who actually
superintend the making of the pic-
tures—the essential masters of
technique.

Already thirty candidates have
been chosen to take these courses
out of about seventy who applied.
Film actors and actresses are, of
course, largely recruited from the
regular stage, as is most convenient
and natural, for although film tech-
nique differs in many important
ways from stage acting the train-
ed actor is usually best equipped
for mastering it quickly. Now that
here is a prospect of a big develop-
ment in the British film industry
an attempt is to be made to obtain
a larger supply of actors and ac-
tresses who have had a special train-
ing from the start and who should
have a fair chance of employment
at the end of it. In other ways the
British film industry is setting out
to improve its technical equipment,
such as by the pooling of sets of
scenery—"Manchester Guardian."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1-What is the commonest plant sucking insect?</p> <p>5-Expressive of sorrow</p> <p>10-Playthings</p> <p>12-Manufactured articles</p> <p>13-What is one who belongs to the opposition called?</p> <p>18-What is the fifth sign of the zodiac?</p> <p>19-What is determined and lasting anger?</p> <p>20-To make by talking</p> <p>21-What is something that leads to a solution?</p> <p>23-By what does one often express sorrow?</p> <p>25-Personal pronoun</p> <p>26-What is used to anoint with?</p> <p>27-Gained</p> <p>28-To obtain</p> <p>29-Novel</p> <p>31-A kind of lettuce</p> <p>32-Sixty grains</p> <p>35-What are the memorial posts erected before the houses of some Indians?</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>37-Over (post.)</p> <p>39-Who is the patron saint of Wales?</p> <p>41-Combining form "new"</p> <p>42-What is the state of being the first or earliest?</p> <p>43-To ask for formally (abbr.)</p> <p>46-A famous English race track</p> <p>49-Recess of a church (pl.)</p> <p>VERTICAL</p> <p>1-What is a circular coral reef encircling a lake?</p> <p>2-An English poet</p> <p>3-What is a person who is subject to imaginary ailments?</p> <p>4-Combining form "equal"</p> <p>6-To acknowledge</p> <p>7-What is the state of being disloyal?</p> <p>8-A constellation</p> <p>9-What are Lithuanians?</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>11-What is the Greek long E?</p> <p>14-Moved through the water</p> <p>15-Anger</p> <p>16-Possessive pronoun being the first or earliest?</p> <p>17-What State touches the S. W. end of Lake Erie?</p> <p>22-What is a big ocean steamer called?</p> <p>24-A leg of mutton</p> <p>30-In the Orient what do they call a valley containing the bed of a usually dry water-course?</p> <p>31-What is a barrel of herrings called?</p> <p>32-What is the ancient name of Jaffa, a Syrian seaport?</p> <p>34-To tangle</p> <p>35-Fourteen (Roman number)</p> <p>36-What are those who entertain guests?</p> <p>38-Gess astray</p> <p>40-Energy</p> <p>42-What is the Latin for "to be?"</p> <p>44-Combining form "muscle"</p> <p>48-Short sleep</p> |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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CANADIAN TO STAND TRIAL.

THREE CHARGES.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindell committed Richard Charles William, a Canadian of many aliases, to stand his trial at the January Criminal Sessions on three charges of fraud, as enumerated in yesterday's "China Mail."

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., for the defence, pleaded "guilty" at the outset of the case and only reserved for the defence the right to argue on any point of law which might arise when the case came up at the Sessions.

After Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones (instructed by Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones) had outlined the facts of the case as already reported, evidence was called.

Chilean's Evidence.

The first witness was Sergeant Luiz Encina of the Chilean Carabinera Corps, one of two officers who brought the accused to Hong Kong from Santiago, where he was arrested under the name of Luiz Martin Lopez, a Spanish subject.

Encina gave formal evidence with regard to the bag which was brought to Hong Kong with the accused, and identified various articles produced by Mr. Jenkin as having been in the bag when they left Santiago.

Mr. d'Almada's cross-examination of this witness was interesting because of an attempt to explain that the accused's possession of the paints, brushes, etc., was for an innocuous purpose. Counsel asked if the witness had seen any paintings done by the accused, and received the reply that the accused had painted some pictures whilst on the ship coming out to Hong Kong. The witness did not see any paintings done by the accused in Santiago. The only things the witness knew the accused had left behind in Chile were a pair of binoculars and a camera.

Mr. Agotithos Emanuel Melmarachi, a Greek national, who stated that he was the head of the Letter of Credit Department of the Jerusalem branch of the Banque Impériale Ottomane next gave evidence of identification of the accused, who as Charles Puig on July 27, 1926 bought a letter of credit at his bank for \$200, for which the accused paid in the currency of Jerusalem. Since July 1926 the witness had not seen the accused again until that morning in Court.

Burned Letter.

Witness also identified the letter of credit which was alleged to have been burned by accident and he further identified the letter which was received by the Bank asking for a new letter of credit. On receipt of the letter, a fresh form was drawn up and sent to the defendant who acknowledged it in a letter sent from Mount Lebanon.

Mr. G. P. Lammert (junior) then went into the witness box. He said he was a teller in the American Express Company, Hong Kong. He identified the prisoner as a man who called on December 2, 1926, at the bank and required \$500 on a letter of credit of the Banque Ottomane. Witness accordingly gave defendant \$450 in travellers' cheques and the equivalent of \$50 in Hong Kong currency. Witness made up two drafts on the London branch of the Banque Ottomane, which were dishonoured in due course. The letter of credit produced by Puig on that occasion was one for \$2,000.

This completed evidence for the prosecution and accused was committed.

TRIAL OF VARE.

Washington, Dec. 6.

The senate to-day began the trial of Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, and William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania. Senator Norris, as prosecutor, declared that Smith and Vare had been elected to the senate in campaigns so tinged with lavish expenditure as to put senators from Illinois and Pennsylvania on the auction block.—Associated Press.



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OUR HARBOUR.

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We have received a copy of an interesting booklet dealing with the harbour of Hong Kong and the docks, wharves, godowns and various undertakings associated with it.

The notes, which are by F. J. de Rome, B.Sc., and Rev. N. Evans, M.A., were originally compiled for the masters of junior classes in Ellis Kadoorie School and, as such, have been used in Geography lessons for the past eighteen months. It was felt, however, that the information contained would be of value to older scholars and the general public and with a view to placing the information at their disposal, the authors have issued the book in printed form, together with some excellent photographs, at the price (at the bookstalls) of sixty cents a copy.

Several books, pamphlets and guides on the island of Hong Kong and the New Territories have appeared within the last few years, but this is probably the first covering and limited to the harbour and its trade. Within its nineteen pages is compressed general information regarding the harbour, itself, islands, bays, rocks, lights, reclamations, entrances, fairways and buoys, anchorages, typhoons, tides, wharves, godowns, shipyards, steamship lines and routes, trade, etc., etc.

The information is provided in readable form and the photographs of the harbour and docks are excellently produced.

DANGEROUS GOODS.

LOCAL MINING COMPANY FINED.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the representative of the Chuen Lee Mining Company was charged with removing twenty cases of dynamite and 16,000 detonators from Green Island, to No. 22, Wai-ching Street without a permit and with being in possession of the said dangerous goods at the above address without a permit.

Mr. Lo said that he would plead guilty to the first charge. He understood that where two charges were brought in respect of one offence only one count would be proceeded with, the other being withdrawn.

Continuing Mr. Lo said that the defendant had a permit to remove the goods but he did not know how far that covered the case.

His Worship pointed out that the objection was that the goods were stored in an ordinary dwelling house, and after further discussion, the Magistrate decided to impose a fine of \$50.

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Bangkok via Swatow	8.30 a.m.	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
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Swatow	2.30 p.m.	MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
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GENERAL'S OUTBURST

Hertzog and Overseas' Interference.

"MAUDLIN THEORISTS."

Native Affairs The Concern Of South Africa.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. Political circles have been stirred by a speech by General Hertzog on the vital problem of native labour declaring vigorously that South Africa, for obvious reasons, strongly resents attempts from otherwise well meaning individuals from Overseas to



Gen. Hertzog.

interfere in the matter of native affairs in South Africa.

"Unless this irritating practice is dropped it will one day cost the British Empire the greater part of South Africa."

It was maudlin theorists who by such interference caused the Great Trek and nearly caused a revolt in Natal many years ago."

Mozambique Convention. Although it does not concern the Union directly, native labour in South Africa was recently given prominence in the British House of Commons at question time in connection with the projected South Rhodesian legislation empowering a native commissioner to assume guardianship of certain native juvenile workers.

Mr. Baldwin defended the measure as beneficial to native children but foreshadowed a debate to ventilate the matter more completely.

Another important point in General Hertzog's speech related to the Mozambique convention between the Union of South Africa and Portugal, inter alia regulating the supply of native labour for the Rand mines, which Portugal recently decided to denounce. The Premier, however, was sanguine that the matter would be regulated satisfactorily, because the Portuguese realised the respective interests were best secured by friendly co-operation.—Reuter.

GERMAN RAILWAYS.

NEW AMERICAN LOAN MOOTED.

DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

Berlin, Yesterday. The Director General of the German State Railways is negotiating with the Agent-General of the Reparations Payment Commission regarding the flotation in America of a hundred million dollars loan for development purposes; also to meet the heavy additional increase of salaries of State officials, including railwaymen, which cannot be met from current railway revenue.

The loan will probably take the form of reference shares.—Reuter. [The above reference to "the additional heavy increase in salaries of State officials" does not appear to tally with the following Reuter cable received from Berlin yesterday:—The Reichstag by 333 votes to 53 adopted a bill increasing the salaries of State officials, pensioners and war veterans. The budget is thus augmented by about 325,000,000 marks annually. This is not expected to involve additional taxation, but will be covered by revenue surplus.]

THE DUCE SPEAKS.

Amicable Understanding With France.

DOMESTIC ITALY.

Mussolini Not Perturbed By Anti-Fascist Elements.

Rome, Yesterday. Mussolini, reporting to the Cabinet as regards Franco-Italian relations in the light of the Franco-Yugo-Slav and Italo-Albanian treaties, believed that cordial and durable understanding with France was not only possible and desirable but necessary. Diplomatic representatives would shortly examine these problems which were neither grave nor insoluble. The logical sequel would be a meeting of responsible ministers of both countries to set the seal of agreement.

Referring to the domestic situation Mussolini dwelt on the innocuousness of the surviving anti-Fascist remnants to the tranquillity of the country and said that 250 out of 600 persons confined to islands would shortly be released. He had ordered the release of all guilty of offences against himself.—Reuter.

MR. TIM HEALY.

FREE STATE GOVERNOR TO RETIRE?

SUCCESSOR NAMED.

London, Yesterday. It is officially announced in Dublin that Mr. James McNeill, the Free State High Commissioner in London, shortly succeeds Mr. Healy as Governor-General of the Free State.—Reuter.

Confirmed. London, Yesterday. It is officially announced that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. James McNeill as Governor-General of the Irish Free State in succession to Mr. Healy.



Mr. T. M. Healy.

Timothy Healy, whose term of office will shortly expire. Mr. McNeill was a member of the committee which drafted the constitution of the Irish Free State in 1923 and subsequently became High Commissioner of the Free State in London, which position he has held until now.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.—It is understood that Mr. Timothy Healy, Governor-General of the Irish Free State, who has now completed five years of office is about to retire, and his successor will shortly be announced. The name of Mr. James McNeill, the present Free State High Commissioner in London, is mentioned in connection with the appointment.

DIAMOND TRADE.

S. AFRICAN PROSPECTING TO CEASE.

Capetown, Yesterday. The "Government Gazette" notifies the prohibition of all diamond prospecting on Crown and private lands for a year from December 16.

Sir Abe Bailey, interviewed, while approving the decision declared that the diamond industry was in a dangerous position and something must be done to rectify it.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 7/16.

TREATY WITH IRAK.

Result of King Feisal's Visit.

THE BRITISH MANDATE.

Expiry in 1932 When Irak Enters League.

London, Yesterday. A revised treaty regulating the relations between Great Britain and Irak was signed at the Colonial Office yesterday by Mr. Ormsby Gore, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, on behalf of the British Government and by General Jafor



KING FEISAL OF IRAK.

Pasha el Askari, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Irak. The text of the treaty will be published as a Parliamentary paper in due course.

Negotiations for revision of the treaty were opened on the arrival in London of King Feisal on October 22. The King of Irak was assisted by his Prime Minister throughout the subsequent discussions but the latter's departure from London on November 27 led to the belief that negotiations were abandoned. On the following day, however, King Feisal recalled Jafar Pasha and last week he resumed the negotiations now successfully completed.

King Feisal has already returned to Irak. He arrived at Amman by air from Cairo yesterday and will fly to Bagdad to-day. Jafar Pasha will leave London for Irak to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

The revised Anglo-Irak Treaty was signed in London yesterday. It provided for a termination of the British mandate in 1932 when Irak will enter the League of Nations.—Reuter.

A RIOT ECHO.

UNION JACK INCIDENT IN TRANSYLVANIA.

AMERICAN INJURED.

London, Yesterday. A question was asked in the House of Commons whether during the anti-Semitic riots at Oradea Mare in Transylvania, an American citizen named Captain Keller attempted to protect from insult at the hands of rioters the Union Jack which had been hoisted by a Jew in a vain attempt to protect his premises and whether Captain Keller was beaten and stabbed.

Comdr. Locker-Lampson replied: "I have received telegraphic reports on the riots from His Majesty's Ministers at Budapest and Bucharest. The official Roumanian account states that some students removed the Union Jack from the premises, on which it was flying and paraded it together with the Roumanian flag in the procession acclaiming Great Britain as a friendly country. The American citizen named Keller was wounded apparently while endeavouring to prevent the rioters from entering the premises of the Young Men's Christian Association, and I understand the United States Minister at Bucharest is making representations to the Roumanian Government on the matter. Being thoroughly investigated, both by the British Minister at Bucharest and the Roumanian Government, and I propose to await further reports."—British Wireless Service.

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